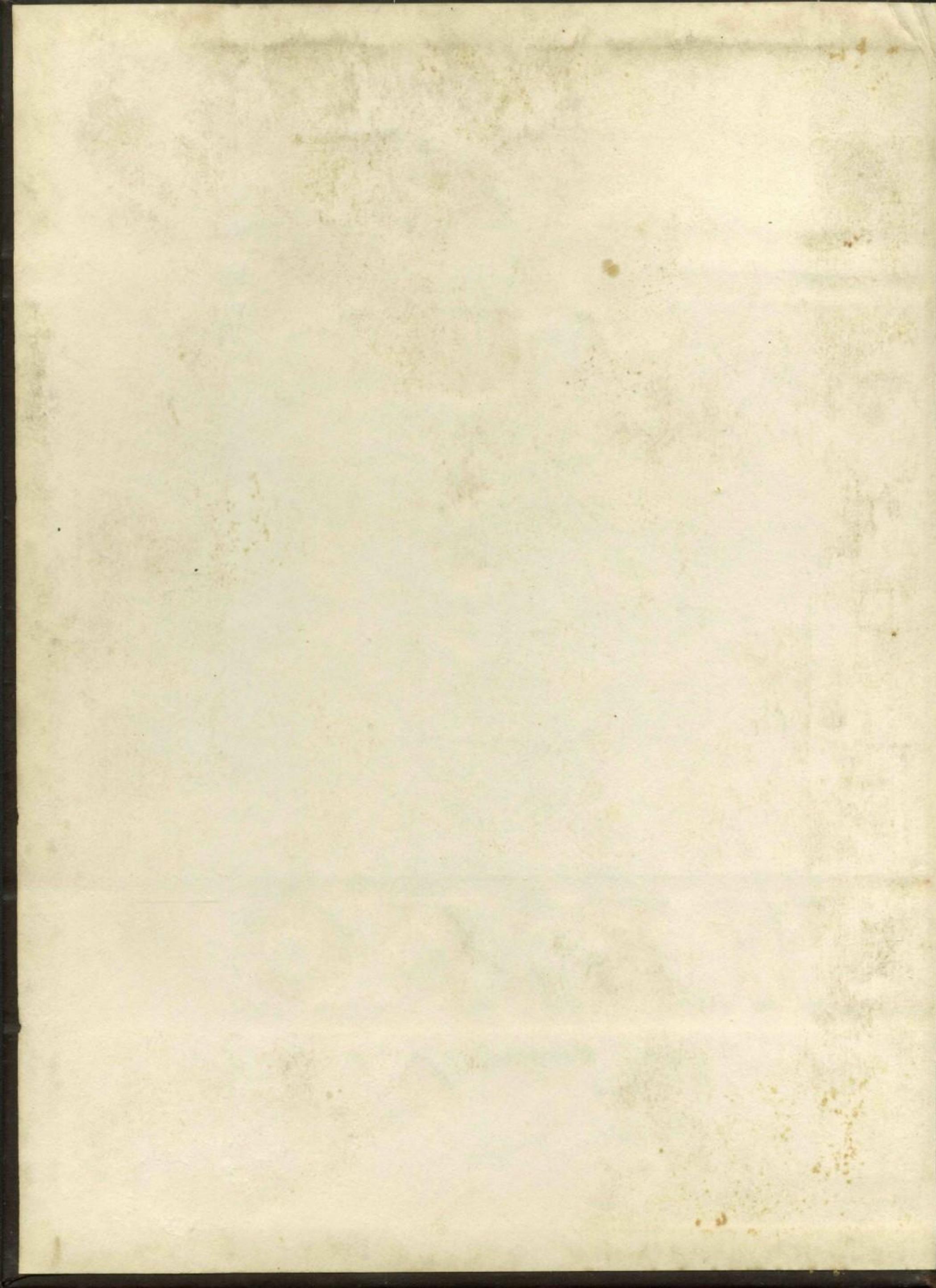
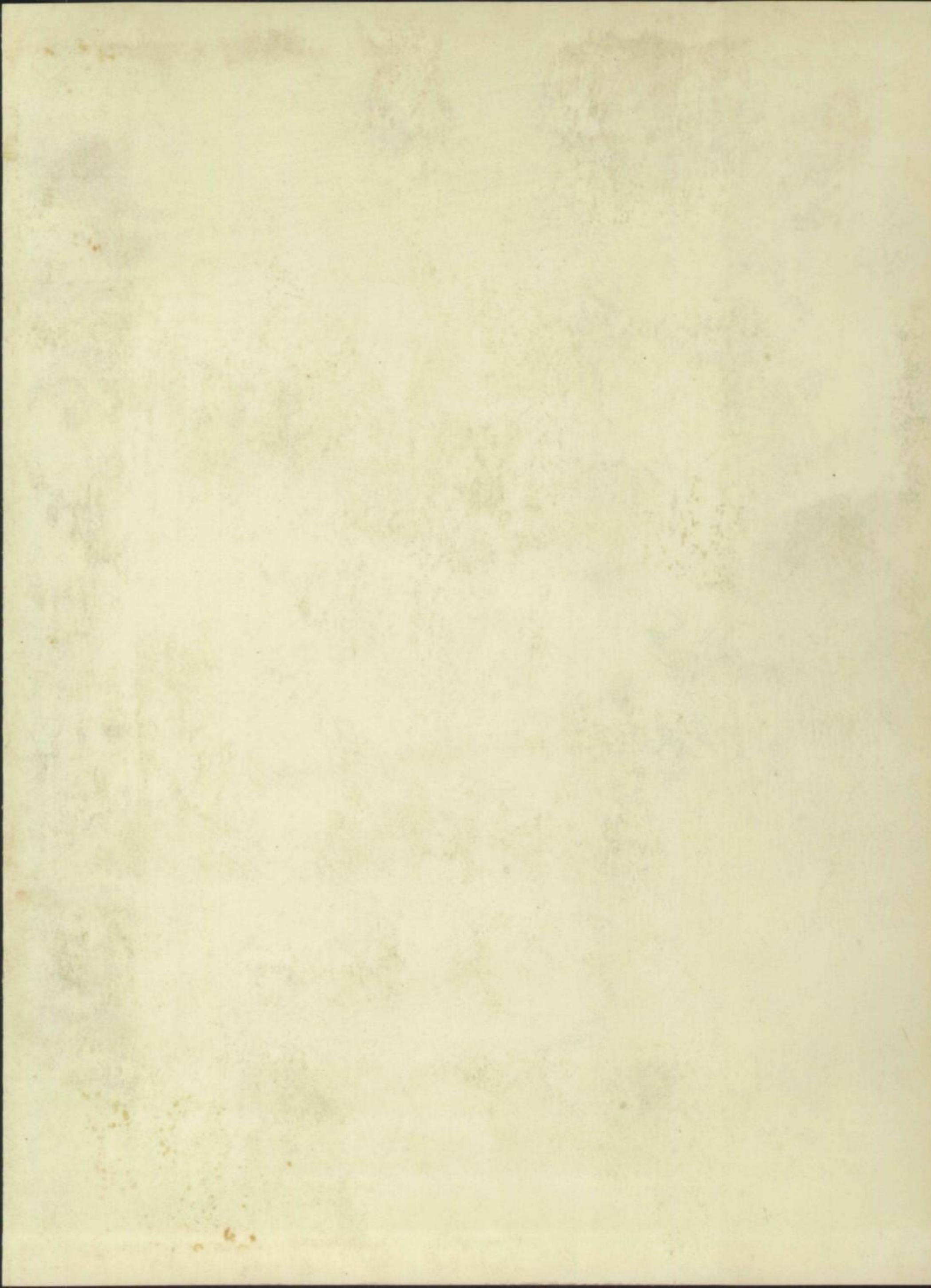


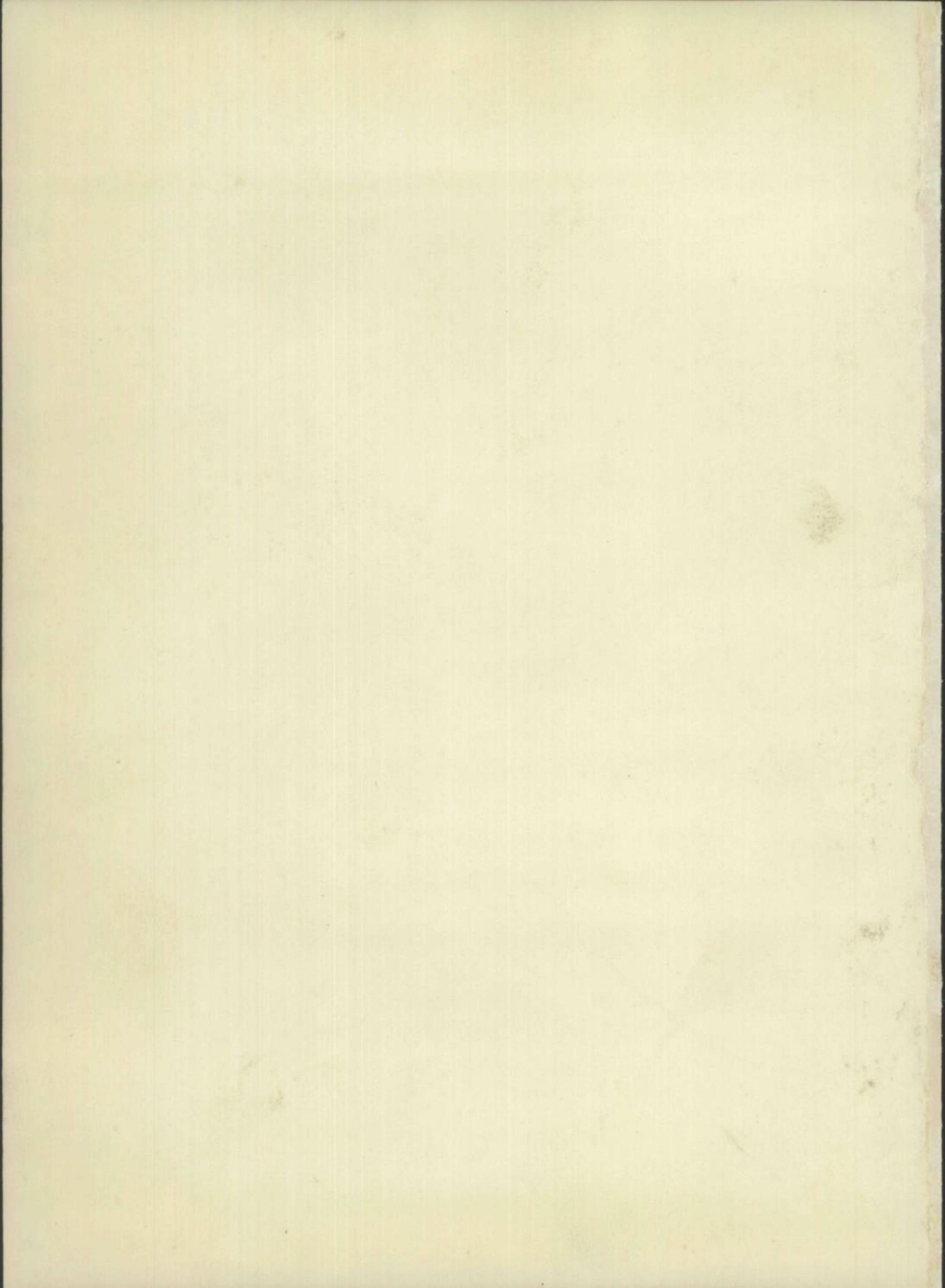


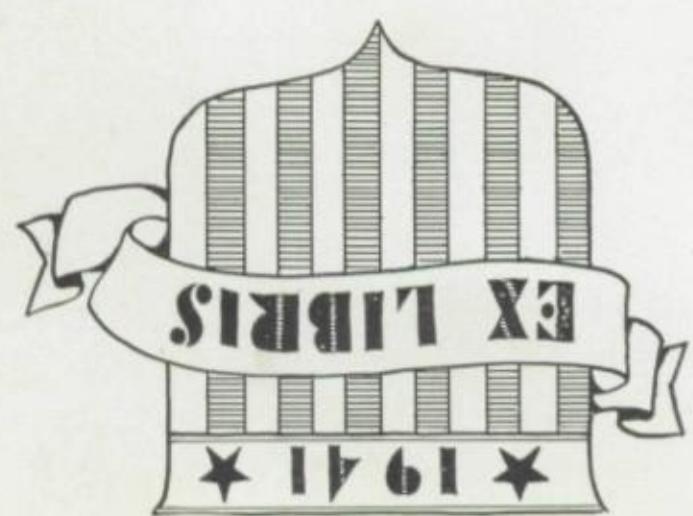
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## *Foreword*

UNDER the title of "WEICON" we respectfully submit for your consideration a review of four happy and profitable school years—four years in which we tried to the best of our ability to uphold the best interests of our Alma Mater.

The patriotic motif reflected on every page of this publication will call to your minds these troublous days when a national crisis necessitated many of us to answer the call to the colors of our country.

It is our earnest hope that every word and picture will bring smiles to your faces, pleasant memories to your minds, and a warm glow to your hearts as you read again and again what in our humble way we have written for your approval.



WOMELSDORF HIGH SCHOOL  
WOMELSDORF, PA.

## *Alma Mater*

The blue of our colors is like the azure blue of dawn,  
The gold like that rich hue that is seen in the rising sun,  
Short are the years we spent with thee, and ere from thee we part,  
We wish to tell thee of the love that's hidden in our heart.

*Chorus:*

We love thee Alma Mater, and e'er to thee'll be true,  
Alma Mater, Alma Mater, we love thy gold and blue;  
We love thee Alma Mater, and e'er to thee'll be true,  
Alma Mater, Alma Mater, we love thy gold and blue.

We love our Alma Mater dear, we love her blue and gold,  
And ever at her blessed feet our treasures will unfold,  
We love to hear her praises dear as swift the years roll by,  
In gentle cooing of her doves that nest mid earth and sky.



WILLIAM A. BURKHART

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## *Dedication*

WE dedicate the WEICON to  
Mr. William A. Burkhart, whose  
helping hand has been a guiding  
star to success and happiness.



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## *The Weicon*

*W*e, the senior class of 1941, when looking for a title for our year-book, could find none better than WEICON, taken from the name of that famous Berks Countian, Conrad Weiser—(WEI-ser, CON-rad).

Conrad Weiser was born in 1696, on the second of November, in Afstaedt, Württemberg. At the age of fourteen, he emigrated from Germany with his parents and a company from the Palatinates. They settled in a group in New York. Here young Conrad lived for eight months with an Indian chief, who took a great fancy to him and taught him the Indian language, so valuable during his life. In 1723, with many of his German neighbors, he settled at Tulpehocken near Reading. He engaged in farming and acquired a large tract of land in Heidelberg Township. His knowledge of the Mohawk secured him a position as interpreter for the province in 1732. He held this position as long as he could attend to its duties and was present at all the treaties made. His word was held in great respect by the Red Men. During the French and Indian War, he was commander of all the forces raised west of the Susquehanna. In his last years he lived in Reading. He died in 1760 and was buried in the family graveyard near Womelsdorf.

Conrad Weiser was the "father" of the so-called Pennsylvania Germans. Let it be remembered and repeated that our ancestry numbers in its line noble characters—men who would grace any position in life. Here is a pioneer in civilization, an honorable and an honored public officer, and historical character abreast with the men of his day. As such he left:

"Footprints that perhaps another  
Sailing over life's solemn main  
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother  
Seeing, shall take heart again."

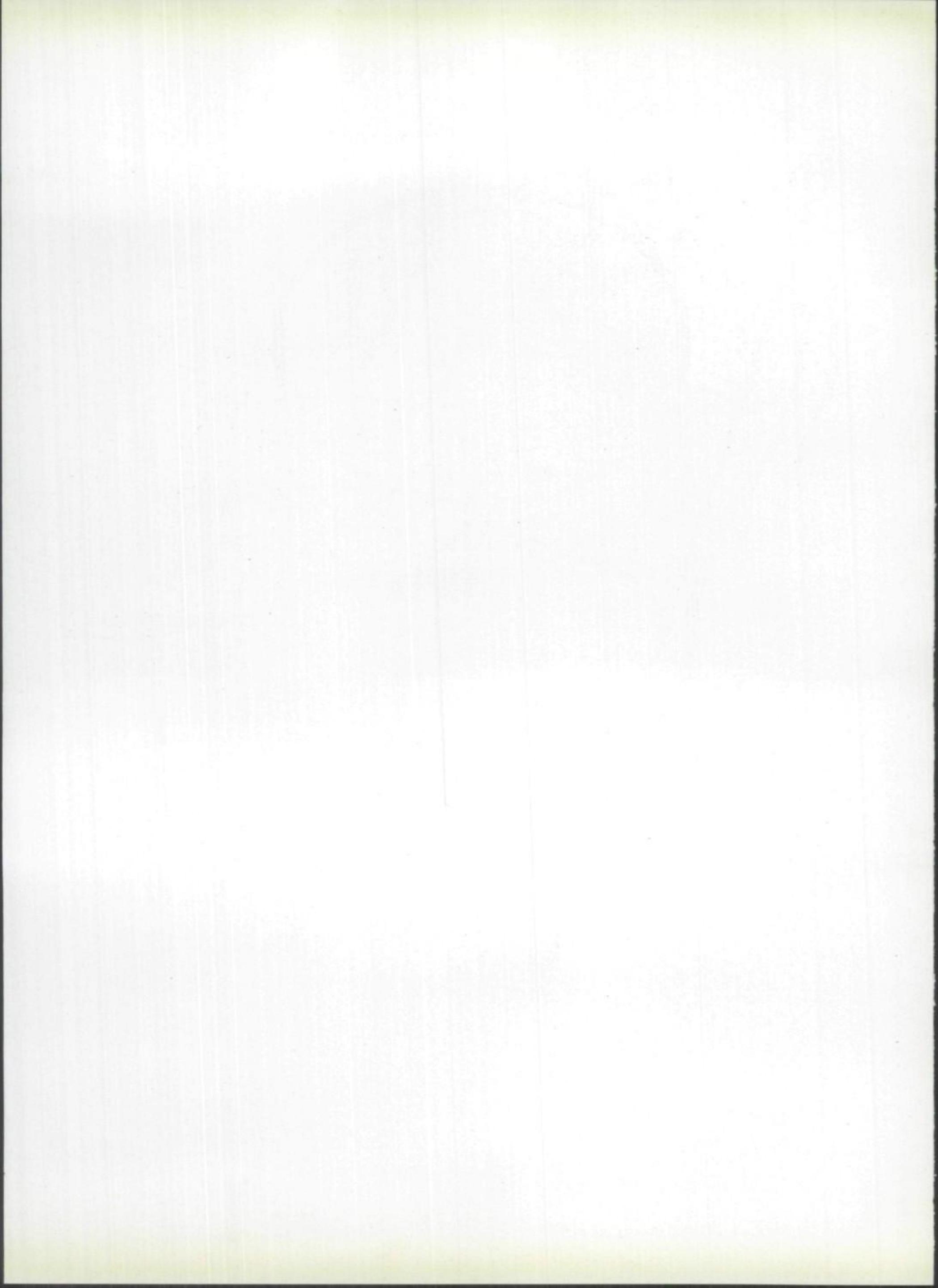
A bronze tablet in the west wall of Stichter's Hardware Store, Fifth and Penn Streets, Reading, bears the following quotation—"Posterity will not forget his services." These words were spoken by Washington as he stood by the grave of Conrad Weiser at Womelsdorf. This memorial was purchased with money contributed by the school children of Berks County.

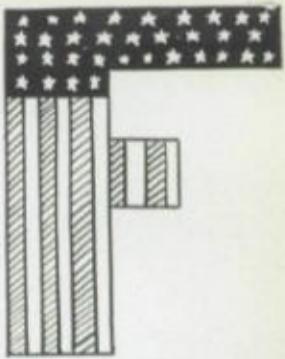
Finally, Conrad Weiser believed in one maxim we all can follow: "Be thyself"—a motto that is overlooked and neglected too much today. But remembering it, our hero may prove for us the words of truth in Longfellow's poem:

"Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And departing, leave behind us  
Footprints on the sands of time."

We trust that the name WEICON may live in cherished remembrance of one of Womelsdorf's greatest citizens, Conrad Weiser.

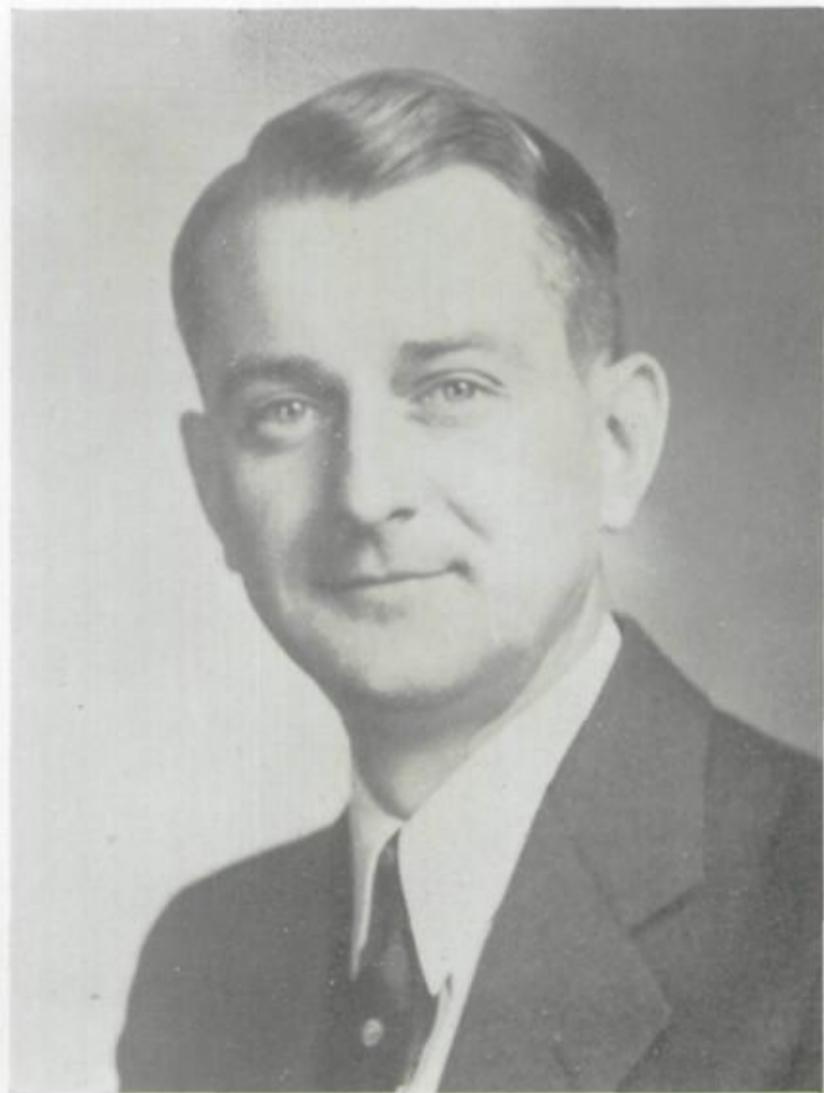






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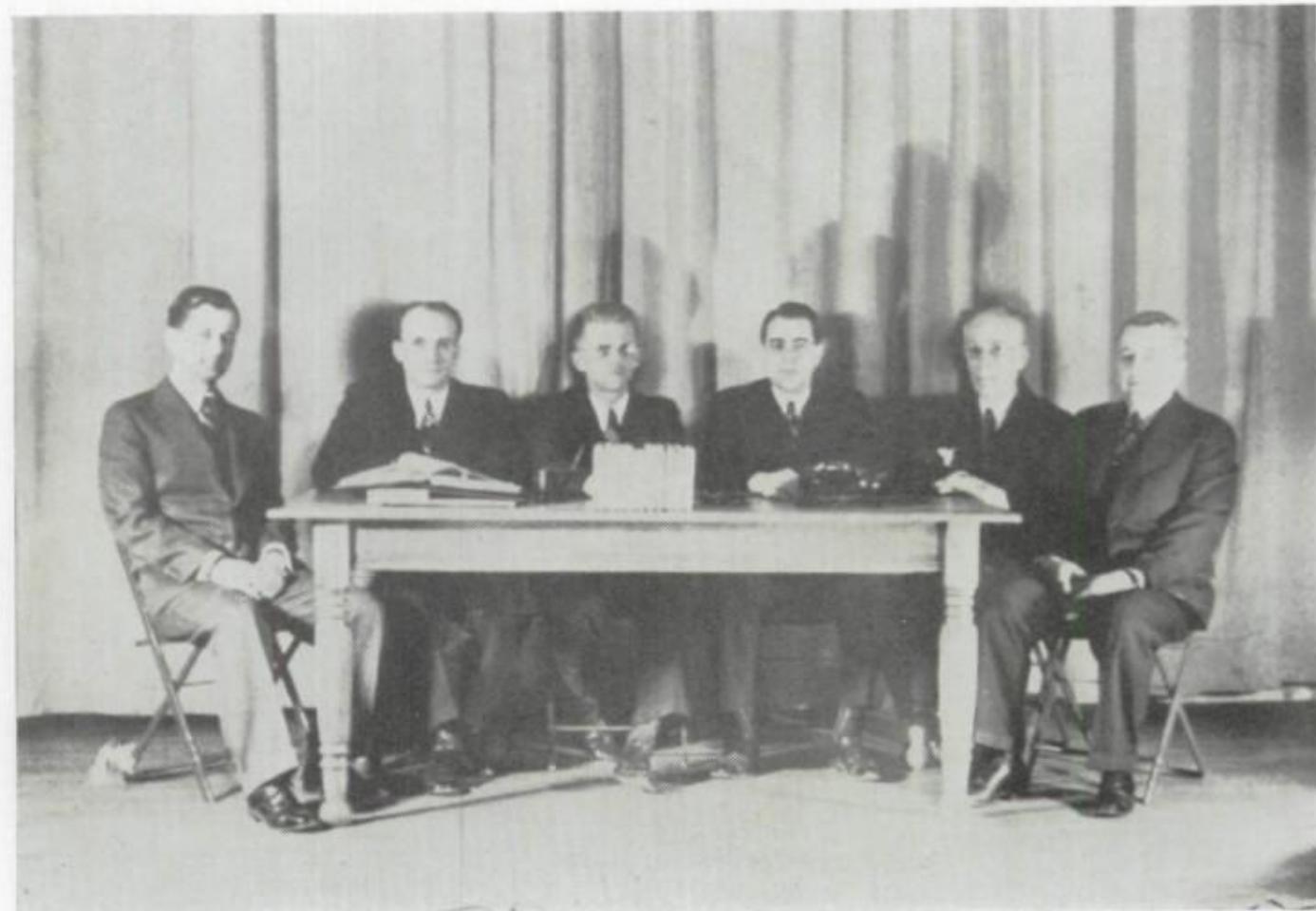
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*Class Motto*

"HONOR LIES AT LABOR'S GATE"

*Class Flower*

AMERICAN BEAUTY ROSE

*Class Colors*

MAROON AND GREY

### SHIRLEY ANDERSON

*"Windy"*

To THIS lovely fair-haired girl of the senior class, we wish the best of luck. Her gay manner and ever-ready smile made her a true friend and valuable asset to the class. She is known throughout for her ability to make chocolate cakes. Although she ranks high in dramatics, we are sure that Shirley would rather dance than recite a poem. But no wonder! She is a good dancer too. There is a mystery about Shirley and the "Wind." We know Shirley will be a success in anything she undertakes. Good luck and more power to you, "Windy."

Operetta 3, 4.



### REBECCA BAKER

*"Becky"*

WHEN you happen to see a cheery and delightful person emerging out of the business room with golden tresses, you'll know that is the girl that we call "Becky." The commercial course has the whole interest of this girl, and she hopes to make use of it no doubt as nurse secretary to some handsome doctor. Good luck, and here's hoping you get that job.

Operetta 1, 3; Music 1, 3; Orchestra 1; Class Secretary 1.

### DAISY BASHORE

*"Daisy May"*

DAISY MAY, a friend to all, has been a member of the class since going to school. Blue-eyed, and brown-haired, Daisy has a keen sense of humor. Being enthusiastic, she is a willing, efficient class worker. Whether medical-secretary or housekeeper, we wish you the best of happiness and success.

Operetta 1, 3, 4; Band 4.



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### CARL BERGER

*"Kennie"*

ENERGETIC in every respect, Carl is a member of the honor group of the senior class. Although he has been with us for only four years, he has a host of friends. He has been a member of the band and orchestra since his freshman year. We all know that Carl will succeed in his career as a mechanical engineer. Your Alma Mater is proud of your scholastic record.

Operetta 1, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Music 1; Athletics 1, 2, 3; Class President 1, 2; Vice-President 4; State Band 4; District Band 2, 3, 4.

### VIVIAN BRIGHT

*"Fefe"*

THIS charming young girl joined our class in her junior year. Womelsdorf High has indeed been rewarded in the short time she has spent with us. She has taken an active part in the Senior Class Activities, especially serving as the class treasurer. We know that the Nurses' School of Training that she plans to enter will be proud of her.

Dramatics 4; Music 3; Operetta 3, 4; Debate 4; Class Treasurer 4.

### BETTY DISSINGER

*"Dissy"*

BETTY, better known as "Dissy" to her friends, enjoys arguing on whatever question pops up. Her familiar face is found among the candy boxes of the refreshment stands. Willingly she has devoted her services to the class. Betty has not yet completed her plans, but whether it be housewife, nurse, or secretary, Best of Luck!

Operetta 1, 3, 4; Music 1.

### EDWARD ERIE

### *"Charley"*

IN 1937 a hundred and sixty pound lad entered the Womelsdorf High School. He turned out to be "Ed" Erie, better known as "Charley" to his friends. Although he has been at Bethany for nearly nine years, he still is proud of his home residence, Allentown. He enjoys his studies if nobody mentions Geometry. We wish him the best of luck and hope he remembers us when he "Chucks 'em for Mich."



### ISABEL FICHTHORN

### *"Isy"*

AFTER dismissal you might hear a loud laughter coming from one of the class rooms. If you would inquire as to who it might be, it would be, "Isy." Her daily task of keeping the blackboards clean occupies most of her spare time, but she does not neglect her studies. Her best pal is a blond-haired lad. What will it be, "Isy"? Housewife or teacher?

Operetta 1, 3, 4; Music 3; Dramatics 4.

### HAROLD GASSERT

### *"Hank"*

THE Marx Brothers have nothing on Harold "Tom Harmon" Gassert—as he always has a joke at his disposal. On the football field he is unsurpassed; in the class room, there is no one quite so energetic or outspoken. Gassert is well liked by his classmates. Best of luck and smooth sailing, "Hank."

Athletics 1, 4.



MARGARET GRIMES

*"Mickey"*

THIS energetic girl joined our happy group in the second grade. Her ability leans mostly towards athletics, especially basketball. "Mickey" has also won herself honor as an artist. Being a home town girl, she has been a valuable asset to the class scholastically and socially. Whatever you may undertake, we wish you the best of success.

Operetta 1, 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Assistant Treasurer 4; Vice-President 1; Athletics 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 4.



MARIE HEFFELFINGER

*"Taps"*

THIS attractive girl has cherished the love of her classmates for twelve successive years. Her talents as a dancer have remained unexcelled throughout her high school career. Always so cheerful and energetic, Marie has done her best in any task allotted to her. Her cooperativeness in all our undertakings has won her a host of admirers. To our class poetess, we wish the best of success and happiness in her vocation as a laboratory technician.

Operetta 1, 3; Band 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 4.



MARY HOFFA

*"Peanut"*

THIS dark-haired girl, known to all as "Peanut," is one of the youngest members of our class. She loves to jitterbug with Robesonia lads best. We all hope Mary will be a great success at hair-dressing. Later, well, no doubt, a Photographer's wife.

Operetta 3, 4; Music 1, 3; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 3; Debate 4.

## EFFIE HOWER

*"Eppie"*

EFFIE is a true friend to all and is liked by everyone. She certainly shows her talent in art, and also while playing basketball. We all know she is going to be a success when she enters nursing. Good luck, Effie!

Operetta 1; Athletics 2.



## ELLIOTT LA ROSE

*"Eddie"*

AND this, folks, is our blond classmate of the N.Y.A. His body is always behind the broom, but his spirit is always at Bashore's restaurant. Nevertheless "Eddie" has a serious side as can be seen in his masterpieces of art, and underneath that toupee there is really a brain that functions. Best of luck to a very congenial and well-liked fellow.

Vice-President 3; Dramatics 4.

## WILLIAM LEISEY

*"Bill"*

"BILL" has taken the opportunities that Womelsdorf High offered him and made them a success. In athletics he became one of the five Lions. Scholastics gave him a place on the honor group. He plans to have a career in Chemistry. The class knows you will be a success, "Bill," and wishes the best in all your efforts.

Dramatics 4; Athletics 4; Band 4; Orchestra 4; Operetta 4; District Band 4.



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### JOHN LENGEL

*"Johnnie"*

AS PRESIDENT for two successive years, this ambitious young man has competently managed the affairs of our class. Though he is quite a garrulous person, he seldom reaches the point of boredom, for he is ever ready to tell some witty joke. Despite his love of humor, he does not willfully neglect his studies. Basketball, especially, has won him a position among the Womelsdorf Lions. Johnnie, may your leadership qualities help you to achieve success in your chosen field.

Athletics 3, 4; Class President 3, 4; Dramatics 4; Operetta 3.

### VERNA LUTZ

*"Lutzie"*

THIS dark-haired girl comes from Tamaqua and joined our class in the ninth grade. "Lutzie" enjoys sewing and cooking and is the Drummer Girl in our band. Good luck in your hair-dressing career, Verna. Let us know when you open your "beauty parlor."

Operetta 1; Orchestra 3, 4; Band 3, 4; Music 4.

### GEORGE MacNEAL

*"Fatstuff"*

THIS lad from Bethany is pianist for the High School. His one ambition is to have a successful career in music. He is one of the few that finds a good laugh in everything. As a friend and classmate George has been true and helpful. May your best friends be Success, Happiness, and Good Luck. Your Alma Mater will always be proud of you.

Operetta 1, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Debate 2; Music 1, 2, 3, 4; District Band 2, 3, 4.

## DORIS MITCHELL

*"Mitch"*

THIS well-liked girl is very quiet at times, but nevertheless joins in a good laugh with all of us. She became a member of our class in the fall of '37. Her sole interest is to become a nurse after leaving the walls of Womelsdorf High. Best of Luck; the whole class is for you.

Band; Orchestra; Operetta.



## BETTY SUE NANTZ

*"Betty Sue"*

FROM behind that dark pallor that is typical of Southern women, a pair of blue eyes reflects personality, shrewdness, and brilliancy. To this talented Miss from the Blue Grass Region of Kentucky we hand a bouquet for her ability to hypnotize an audience with the strains from her violin. Betty Sue ranks high scholastically and in many other lines such as art and athletics. Her endless train of admirers, both male and female, have been annexed by her pleasing personality and carbonated laugh. To this 5'4" of TNT we extend best wishes for success in whatever she undertakes.

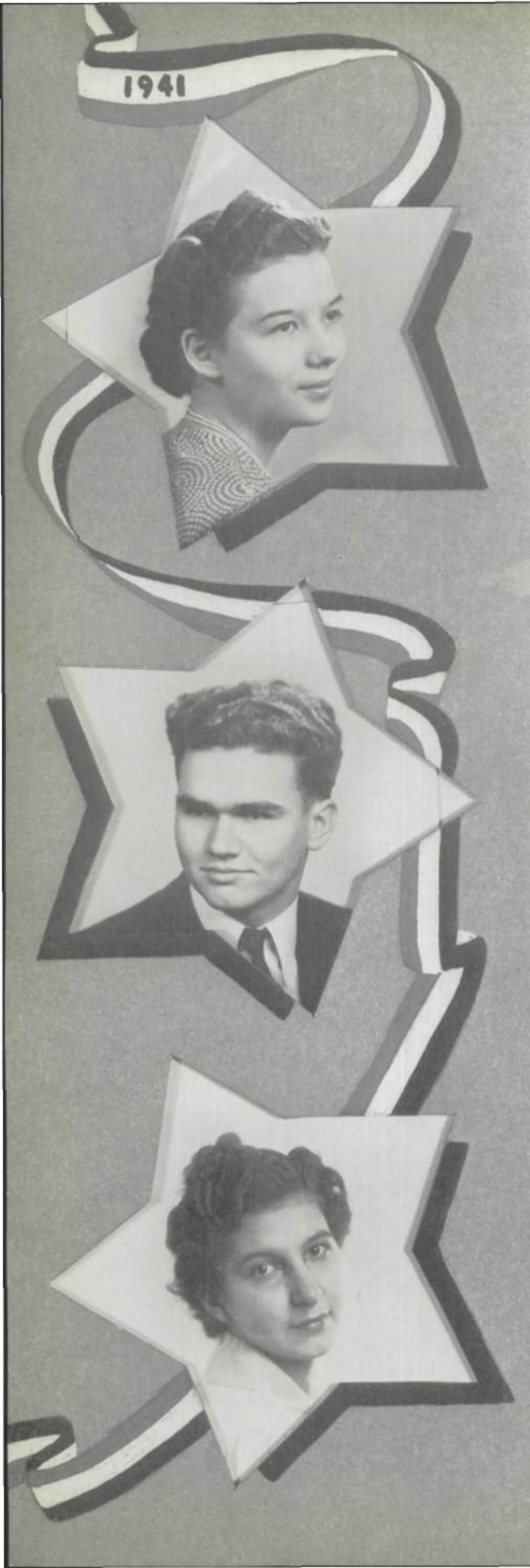
Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 4; Operetta 1, 3, 4; Class Secretary 1; State Orchestra 4; District Orchestra 3, 4; Athletics 1, 2, 3, 4.

## MARY NANTZ

*"Evelyn"*

WHEN Mary, 5'5" and eyes of brown, came up from the South, she immediately gathered herself a carload of friends and has kept them ever since. Although at times she appears to be a quiet girl, she has a pleasant and exciting personality. She can easily find a joke in almost anything and, as a result, sometimes can get the whole room of people laughing without saying a word. Her ability for playing the trumpet is far above the high school average, and thus we know you'll be a success in anything you undertake, Mary! Lots of luck.

Operetta 1, 3, 4; Music 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletics 1.



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### RUTH M. PUTT

*"Putt"*

THIS sophisticated lass of brilliant intellect and charming personality is purely an optimist and is always an attraction for masculine eyes and glances. She plans to enter the nursing profession via Hahnemann Medical School route, and we certainly wish her the greatest amount of good luck and happiness in future life.

Operetta 1, 3, 4; Class Vice-President 2; Class Historian 3, 4; Debate 3, 4; Music 1, 2, 3; Dramatics 4.

### JACK SAURES

*"Jack"*

"SMILING JACK" describes this jovial lad from B.O.H. His enthusiasm and congeniality have made him very popular. Jack is very active in dramatics and dominant in scholastics. His sidekick is none other than Rev. Gebhard—who advises that Jack follow in his footsteps—teaching the gospel to a tribe of sinners. We know not what the future holds, but we do know Jack will make the most of it and come out on top.

Operetta 1, 3; Music 1, 2.

### LAURA SCHOENER

*"Lollie"*

LAURA entered our class during her senior year and has indeed established an enviable record. The first impression of this brown-eyed girl leads one to think she is of a quiet nature, but working with her during the past year has introduced us to her real self. Wherever mischief is to be found, there is "Laura" to be sure. Even though her pranks were numerous, her lessons were not neglected. Whatever she plans to take up after she graduates is not yet certain, but we all know she is the type to succeed.

**RICHARD SHERMAN***"Rich"*

IN THE seventh rung of our ladder to success this young and handsome lad joined us. His cheerful disposition will always linger in the hearts and minds of all his classmates. May your road to success be bright.

Dramatics 4; Athletics 4.

**ROHLAND STAGER***"Stumpy"*

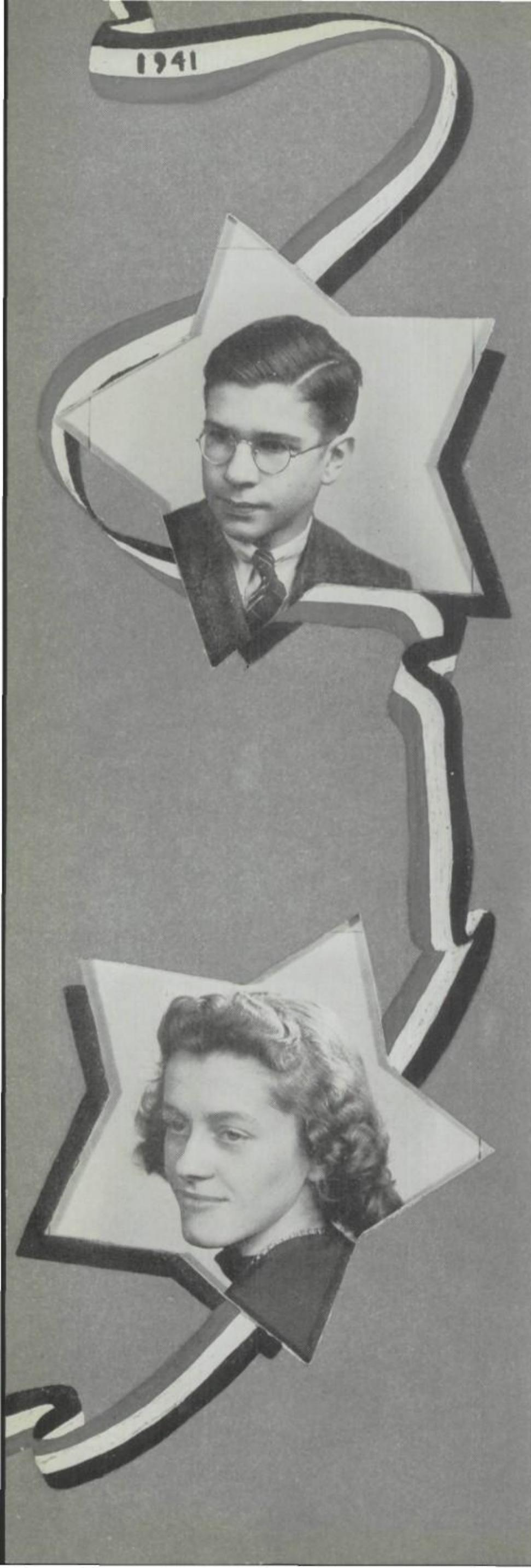
DID you ever see a short lad talking at the rate of a mile a minute? That's right, it is "Stumpy" Stager. An expert in German translations and in throwing everyone into an uproar when he makes a mistake while typing. His ability to keep up a conversation might win him honors as an orator. Who knows? Time alone will tell.

Athletics 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 4.

**MARK WENRICH***"Buck"*

MARK never has much to say, except when it comes to football and baseball. These are his pets, and usually he picks the winner. But the laugh that he possesses is quite unusual and can be easily detected several feet away. Science and Mathematics have his full interest, and he is bound to make a success of his labors and studies.

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletics 1, 2, 3.



### FRANK WHITING

*"Goo-Goo"*

FRANK joined the class as a freshman from Bethany Orphans' Home. A cooperative and continuous worker of the class, he has won the honor and respect of all his classmates. His many accomplishments have made him a decided asset to the class. Frank hopes to find his career in the field of Chemistry. With his vitality and intelligence we are sure he will attain this goal.

Operetta 3; Debate 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Music 1, 2, 3, 4; District Band 4.

### KATHRYN Wiest

*"Kas"*

KATHRYN has been with us since her first year of school. She has been a willing worker all the way. She has participated in many class activities and has done her part to help her class along. We knew that she was a determined girl and that she will be a success in whatever she may indulge.

Operetta 1, 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Debate 3, 4; Class Secretary 2, 3, 4; Music 1, 2, 3; Class Treasurer 1; Dramatics 4.

### *In Memory of Herbert Schoener*

I watched a falling star last night,  
And once more I thought about you—  
You who departed from life,  
Bubbling with life,  
In everything you used to do.

We grieved for you,  
What fools were we!  
Will folly never cease?  
In this world of wars and dictators' powers?  
You are gone—but you at least have peace.

No more will I grieve to see a fallen star,  
For I know where it goes—like you—  
Life for it never ends,  
And again like you—it leaves  
Behind it a perpetual world of friends.

—MARIE HEFFELFINGER

### *Senior Class Poem*

CLASSMATES, let us pause a little in the onward rush of time,  
Let us pause and get our bearings, ere we face the unknown clime.  
It's our schooldays that we're leaving, it's a mighty step we take.  
Ties bound tight by joy and sunshine we are summoned now to break.

BREAK, but not forget them, classmates, looking back through these four years,  
Fix them well in memory's stronghold, there are far more smiles than tears,  
Yes, our high school course is ended, but the radiance that was spread 'Round our lives on this old school-ground will through the coming years be shed.

WE ARE sad to leave the old school, we are loath to part with friends;  
There's a tightness around our hearts that no stranger comprehends.  
But the time is come; we've played our part, and played it well.  
Remains but to say to each and all, good-bye, God speed, farewell!

—MARIE HEFFELFINGER

## *Senior Class History*

HAVING passed the last milestone, we take one last look back over the tread of years.

Through the course of the years we either gained or lost pupils by promotion.

Although we were not always successful in our efforts, "We never gave up the Ship."

Our Senior year led us to realize that through cooperation we obtained the best results.

The year was filled with very many activities, such as the Hallowe'en Dance, Chancing of Turkeys, Selling of Christmas Wreaths, Class Play, Operetta, Suppers, the Sample Fair, Bingo, Card Party, Thanksgiving Dance, Cake Sale, Selling of Easter Ham, and Nickelodeon Dances.

Our class officers did their utmost best to make the year a success.

We wish to thank graciously and heartily those who have aided in our success, the teachers, pupils, parents, and the townsfolk.

Although we may be gone from the corridors and from the class rooms, we nevertheless cannot forget them. We are taking the biggest step of our lives; "Out of High School into Life's School."

—RUTH M. PUTT, *Class Historian*

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*Class Night Exercises*

Friday, May 23, 8:15 p.m., D.S.T.

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CLASS MOTTO: "Honor lies at labor's gate."

MARCH—"Post Commander," Yessel . . . . . High School Band  
SCENE I—Place: Fort Weicon Time: 1951

Captain . . . . .	Rohland Stager
"Oh, How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning" (Song) . . . . .	Carl Berger
Buck Privates . . . . .	Carl Berger, John Lengel, Jack Sauers
"They'll All Come Back to Us Now" (Song) . . . . .	Senior Class
Concert Violinist . . . . .	Betty Sue Nantz
Tap Dancer . . . . .	Marie Heffelfinger
Commercial Teacher . . . . .	Kathryn Wiest
"You're in the Army Now" (Song) . . . . .	Senior Class
Selection—"Desert Song," Romberger . . . . .	High School Band
Presentation of Class Gift . . . . .	John Lengel
Selection—"On Iowa" (Womelsdorf), Law . . . . .	High School Band

SCENE II—Place: Dining Room of the "Top Hat"

Speech of Introduction . . . . .	Carl Berger
Master of Ceremonies . . . . .	William Leisey
Class Song . . . . .	Senior Class
Toast to the Girls . . . . .	Frank Whiting
Toast to the Boys . . . . .	Shirley Anderson
"I'll Watch the Sun Rise with You" (Song) . . . . .	Betty Nantz and Class
Monologue . . . . .	Doris Mitchell
Key Orator . . . . .	John Lengel
Junior Class President . . . . .	Jeanette Weber
Trumpet Solo . . . . .	Mary Nantz
Class Poetess . . . . .	Marie Heffelfinger
Tribute to Soldiers: "Unknown Soldier" . . . . .	Ruth Putt
Class President . . . . .	John Lengel
Distribution of Gifts . . . . .	Senior Class
Class Will . . . . .	Kathryn Wiest
Song to the Juniors . . . . .	Senior Class
Song to the Seniors . . . . .	Junior Class
Song of Acceptance . . . . .	Senior Class
Farewell Song . . . . .	Senior Class
Alma Mater . . . . .	Everyone
MARCH—"Victory March," J. Shea . . . . .	High School Band
LYRICS AND DIALOGUES . . . . .	Marie Deppen
FACULTY ADVISOR . . . . .	Dean M. Aungst
ACCOMPANIST . . . . .	George MacNeal

## CLASS OF NINETEEN FORTY-ONE

*Commencement Program*

MAY 27, 1941—8:00 P.M., D.S.T.

"Phaon," <i>Johnson</i> . . . . .	High School Orchestra
"Womelsdorf High School," <i>Landis</i> . . . . .	High School Orchestra
Invocation . . . . .	The Rev. Harvey J. Miller
	"HONOR LIES AT LABOR'S GATE"
Honor Oration, "Honor" . . . . .	Carl K. Berger
Violin Solos . . . . .	Betty Sue Nantz
1. "The Son of the Puszta," <i>Bela</i>	
2. "Fiddlin' the Fiddle," <i>Rubinoff</i>	
Honor Oration, "Labor" . . . . .	William Leisey
Duet, "At Dawning," <i>Cadman</i> . . . . .	Vivian Bright, Rebecca Baker
Honor Oration, "The Gateway" . . . . .	Ruth M. Putt
Trio, "Memories," <i>Van Alstyne</i>	
<i>Violin</i> , Betty Sue Nantz	<i>Clarinet</i> , Carl Berger
<i>Trumpet</i> , Mary Nantz	<i>Accompanist</i> , George MacNeal
Presentation of Awards and Diplomas . . . . .	Paul H. Wagenhurst Supervising Principal
"Tales from the Vienna Woods," <i>Strauss</i> . . . . .	High School Orchestra
Commencement Address . . . . .	Francis Harvey Green, Litt.D., LL.D. Headmaster, The Pennington School
Alma Mater . . . . .	Everyone
Benediction . . . . .	The Rev. Elmer L. Leisey
"Sylvia," <i>Schubert</i> . . . . .	High School Orchestra

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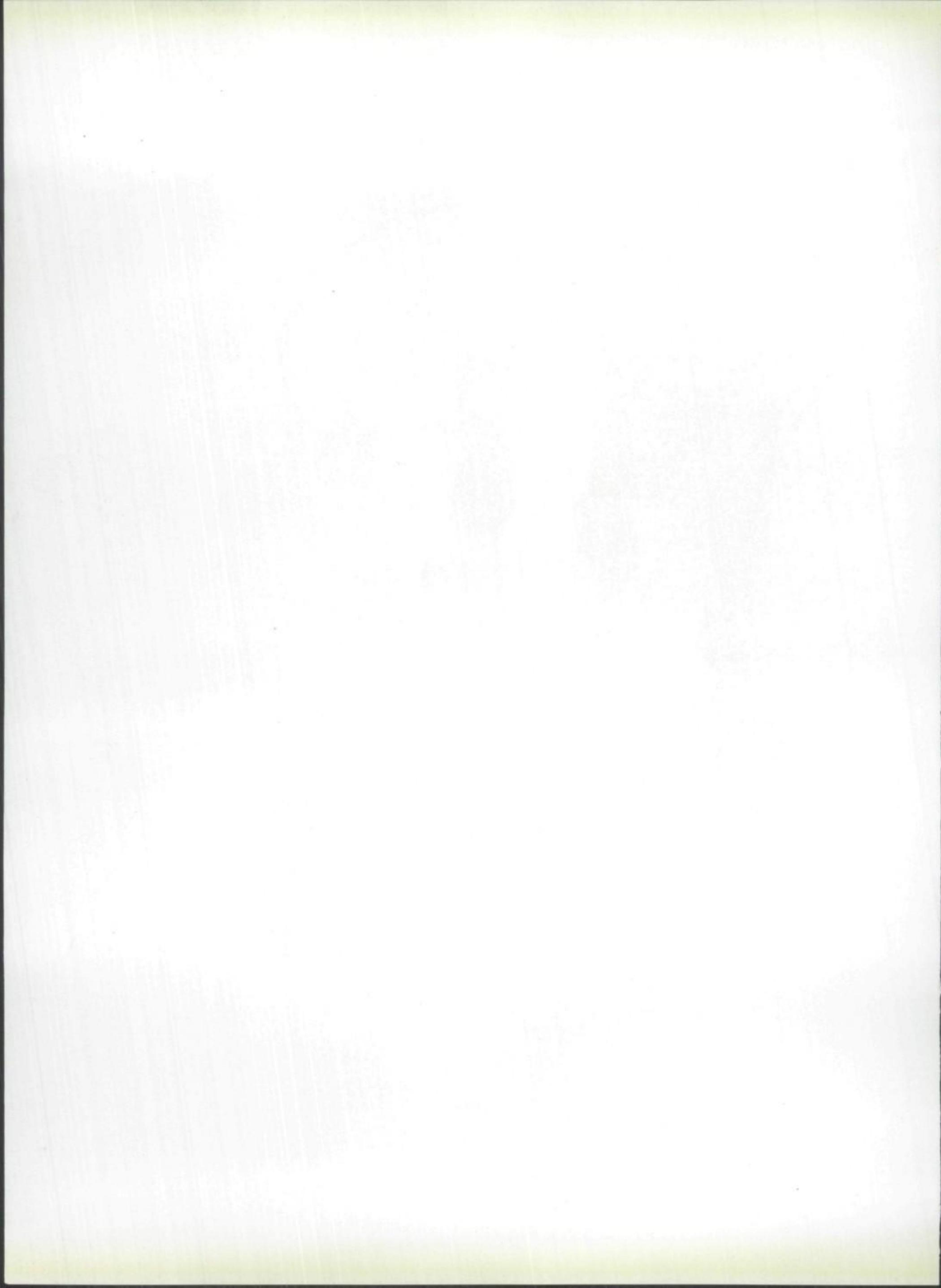
## *Class Will and Testament*

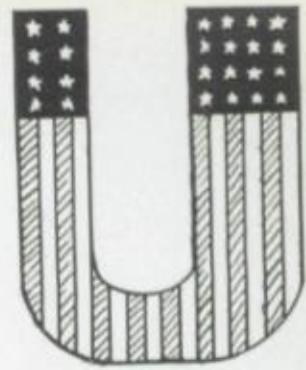
WE, the class of 1941 of the Womelsdorf High School, of the County of Berks and the State of Pennsylvania, being physically fit, morally responsible, and mentally alert, do hereby declare, make, and publish this, our last will and testament in manner and form as follows:

*One*—We direct that all our obligations be met and fulfilled as soon as is possible.  
*Two*—We give and bequeath to the Junior Class our sense of humor and our dignity.  
*Three*—We give and bequeath to the Sophomore Class our ambition and inherent ability to achieve success in all we undertake.  
*Four*—We give and bequeath to the Freshman Class our stick-to-it-ive-ness throughout the coming years.  
*Five*—We give and bequeath to the school at large our desire to practice the "Golden Rule."  
*Six*—We give and bequeath to the faculty our hope to endeavor with the aid of God.  
*Seven*—We give and bequeath Shirley Anderson's faithfulness for her boy friend to Verda Dissinger.  
*Eight*—We give and bequeath Rebecca Baker's masculine manner to Selah Troutman.  
*Nine*—We give and bequeath Daisy Bashore's likeness for blondes to Janet Weber.  
*Ten*—We give and bequeath Carl Berger's scholastic and athletic abilities to Neal Hamaker.  
*Eleven*—We give and bequeath Vivian Bright's phrase, "I'm sorry," to Harold Batdorf.  
*Twelve*—We give and bequeath Betty Dissinger's weakness for the opposite sex to Ellen Greenthal.  
*Thirteen*—We give and bequeath Edward Erie's interests in baseball and other sports to Joseph Miller.  
*Fourteen*—We give and bequeath Isabel Fichthorn's love affairs and use of cosmetics to Janet Gross.  
*Fifteen*—We give and bequeath Harold Gassert's "sparkling" attitude toward girls to John Sohn.  
*Sixteen*—We give and bequeath Margaret Grimes' cooperativeness and love for shop students to Helen Schoener.  
*Seventeen*—We give and bequeath Marie Heffelfinger's dancing feet to Helen Althouse.  
*Eighteen*—We give and bequeath Mary Hoffa's ability to jitterbug and likeness for "peanuts" to Mildred Stochrel.  
*Nineteen*—We give and bequeath Effie Hower's bashfulness and love for sciences to Dorothy Eiceman.  
*Twenty*—We give and bequeath Elliott LaRose's love for a certain soda fountain girl to Mark Eberly.  
*Twenty-one*—We give and bequeath William Leisey's height and cheerful disposition to Melvin Hoover.  
*Twenty-two*—We give and bequeath John Lengel's coqueting and leadership qualities to Paul Heck.  
*Twenty-three*—We give and bequeath Verna Lutz's domestic and commercial abilities to Mary Raihl.  
*Twenty-four*—We give and bequeath George MacNeal's musical ability and excess weight to Elwood Flickinger.  
*Twenty-five*—We give and bequeath Doris Mitchell's attractiveness and shyness of manner to Arthur Rhoads.  
*Twenty-six*—We give and bequeath Betty Sue Nantz's musical talents and hilarious laugh to Kathleen Illig.  
*Twenty-seven*—We give and bequeath Mary Nantz's typing speed and love for music to Coolidge Long.  
*Twenty-eight*—We give and bequeath Ruth Putt's alluring figure and dramatic ability to Helen Hoffman.  
*Twenty-nine*—We give and bequeath Jack Sauer's permanent wave to Ralph Miller.  
*Thirty*—We give and bequeath Laura Schoener's shorthand ability and jovial manner to Harold Gruber.  
*Thirty-one*—We give and bequeath Richard Sherman's timidity and N. Y. A. position to Matthew Hoover.  
*Thirty-two*—We give and bequeath Rohland Stager's talkativeness and wise remarks to May Rhine.  
*Thirty-three*—We give and bequeath Mark Wenrich's love for sports and music to Gloria Swanger.  
*Thirty-four*—We give and bequeath Frank Whiting's skill in debating and love for chemistry to Anna Auman.  
*Thirty-five*—We give and bequeath Kathryn Wiest's cooperativeness and willingness to help others to Harry Keppley.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereto subscribed and affixed our name and seal, this, the twenty-third day of May in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-One.







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*Eleventh Grade*

*Class Dean* . . . . . KATHRYN SHUPE WENHOLD

*Officers*

<i>President</i> . . . . .	JEANETTE WEBER
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<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	JANET GROSS

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Harold Batdorf  
Robert Bennethum  
Elsie Mae Bickel  
Albert Burkman  
Anna Dillman  
Verda Dissinger  
Mark Eberly  
Dorothy Eiceman  
Ruth Eiceman  
Janet Gross  
Harold Gruber

Mildred Hafer  
Robert Hafer  
Neal Hamaker  
Wilford Hampton  
Arthur Hower  
Kathleen Illig  
Harry Keppley  
Coolidge Long  
Dorothy Mason  
Ralph Miller  
Mary Raihl  
Arthur Rhoads

Robert Riehl  
Helen Schoener  
Russell Seigfried  
Harold Smith  
Mildred Stoehrel  
Franklin Strickler  
Harry Sohn  
John Sohn  
Pearl Troutman  
Selah Troutman  
Jeanette Weber

## *Junior Class History*

WE started our scholastic history in the first grade with an enrollment of 11 girls and 17 boys. Our grade school years passed quickly while participating in programs for the benefit of the high school and other numerous grade activities. After completing the first six grades, our class was enrolled in the 7th grade, which was our first year of Junior High School. During these three years we had Home Room Activities and were started on assembly programs. Next was our sophomore year, the year in which all classes begin to think seriously about filling their treasury, but this year was not very profitable except for a few dollars collected from dues. In our present junior year we hope to fill our treasury with the cooperation of 35 pupils now enrolled in the class. Our soup sale and sale of Christmas cards were very profitable, and we hope to complete our task by having a dance, merchandise club, carnival, card party, bingo party, and sale of stationery. So far this year we have participated in assembly programs and have cooperated in various activities with other classes for the benefit of our Alma Mater and will do so for the remaining year of our high school life.

—MILDRED STOEHREL, *Class Historian*

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*Tenth Grade*

*Class Dean* . . . . . PAUL L. FISHER

*Officers*

*President* . . . . . STUART ROTHERMEL

*Vice-President* . . . . . MELVIN HOOVER

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*Treasurer* . . . . . CLIFFORD SHERMAN

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Kenneth Aulenbach  
Robert Aulenbach  
Robert Baker  
Warren Dengler  
Shirley Dissinger  
Roy Flickinger  
Cora Geddes  
Leon Gerhart  
Robert Grimes  
Paul Heck  
George Heim  
Jane Herbine  
Helen Hoffman

Matthew Hoover  
Melvin Hoover  
Richard Keppley  
Earl Kreitz  
Pauline Long  
Betty Lorish  
Marion Lorish  
Edgar Lutz  
Joseph Miller  
Betty Mull  
Ruth Mull  
Lucille Parson  
Mildred Putt  
Robert Reifsnyder

Stuart Rothermel  
Clifford Sherman  
Annabel Strickler  
Donald Swanger  
Emily Thomas  
Mary Troutman  
John Tryon  
Irene Wagner  
Robert Walters  
Earl Welder  
Evelyn Witman  
Wayne Wrightstone  
William Yeiser

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*Ninth Grade*

*Class Dean* . . . . . DEAN M. AUNGST

*Officers*

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Anna Auman  
Donald Auman  
Charles Barge  
June Dengler  
Virginia Deppen  
Rebecca Dissinger  
Richard Dissinger  
Thelma Drey  
Marian Fidler  
Harold Focht  
Gloria Fulmer  
Martin Gable  
Betty German  
Ellen Greenthal

Richard Haag  
Stanley Holzman  
William Holzman  
Mildred Hower  
Floyd Humphrey  
John Jones  
Marian Keppley  
Martin Kreitzer  
Annabel LaRose  
Robert Lengel  
John Martin  
Arlene Miller  
Ralph Mountz  
Shirley Oberly

Keith Phillips  
Richard Rehrig  
Joan Sallade  
Mildred Seigfried  
Richard Shalters  
Kenneth Sites  
Mary Sohn  
Clinton Stager  
Donald Stull  
Robert Stull  
Gloria Sweigart  
Richard Weidman  
Dorothy Weiss

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*Eighth Grade*

*Class Dean* . . . . . J. R. GIBSON

*Officers*

<i>President</i> . . . . .	LUKE BATDORF
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<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	GLORIA SWANGER
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	GEORGE SITES

Martin Anderson  
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Luke Batdorf  
Darlene Dissinger  
LouBelle Dissinger  
Lydia Eberly  
Lewis Fichthorn  
Isabelle Hoffa  
John LaRose  
Sara Leiss

William Mattis  
Robert Raihl  
May Rhine  
Robert Schwartz  
John Seyler  
George Sites  
Richard Sohn  
June Strunk  
Gloria Swanger  
Richard Weik

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## *Seventh Grade*

*Class Dean . . . . .* CLARA A. BORDNER

### *Officers*

*President . . . . .* RICHARD GARRETT

*Vice-President . . . . .* LEAH DECK

*Secretary . . . . .* ELAINE BENDEL

*Treasurer . . . . .* DORIS KEPPLEY

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Louise Gerhart

Harry Artz

Doris Keppley

Merrit Auman

DeLura Kolbay

Elaine Bendel

William Lengel

Paul Bennethum

Betty McCole

Elaine Berkiheiser

Jane Miller

Leah Deck

Donald Oberly

Janet Donbach

Lois Schoener

Berle Eiceman

Dorothy Smeck

Kenneth Eiceman

Patricia Weik

Elwood Flickinger

Charles Weiss

Donald Flickinger

Eleanor Wolfe

Richard Garrett

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*Sixth Grade*

Anna Mae Auman	Donald Boyer	Joseph Grimes	Malcolm Seager
Earl Auman	Leonard Chelius	Blanche Helms	Russell Sites
Richard Batdorf	Dolores DeHart	Gene Kreitz	Mary Smeck
Jane Behney	Dorothy Frymoyer	Loretta Long	Donald Wagner
Mary Jane Bickel	Florence Frymoyer	Marian Oberly	George Wolfe
	Earl Gerhart	Consuelo Schaeffer	

*Fifth Grade*

Mary Boyer	Dorothy Haag	Jay Miller	Anna May Snyder
Richard Conway	John Helms	Richard Moore	Ray Sohn
Dorothy Fichthorn	Angela Kolbay	Barbara Ruth	William Strickler
Addison Frantz	Ralph Lengel	John Seager	Richard Troutman
Sherwood Garrett	George Long, Jr.	Donald Snyder	William Weik
	Donald McCole		

*Fourth Grade*

James Auman	Robert Garrett	Gladys Ney	Anna Schwartz
John Behney	Alice Grimes	Ronald Oberly	William Schwartz
Lewis Bennethum	Fay Hafer	Gloria Oberly	Shirley Sites
Donald Dissinger	Dorothy Hoffa	Phillip Raihl	May Strunk
Grace Fichthorn	Donald Long	Nancy Schmehl	Norma Strunk
	Jeanette Miller		

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*Third Grade*

Joyce Behney	Richard Gerhart	Dawn Lengel	Dolores Moore
Carrie Bright	Peter Grimes	Richard Leininger	Robert Shartle
Robert Boyer	William Grimes	Marlin Lengel	Shirley Smith
Jean Filbert	Lois Hower	Carl Long	Richard Spayd
Henry Gosch	Arthur Kipp	Sterling Miller	Phyllis Strause
	Vivian Knier	Joanne Matthew	

*Second Grade*

Dolores Aulenbach	Lillian Derr	Fay Jones	June Miller
Julia Anderson	Patricia Engle	Suzanne Klopp	Nora Schwartz
Gene Auman	Jane Flickinger	Robert Kipp	Lou Shartle
Ronald Auman	Gloria Gosch	Charles Knier	Kathryn Snyder
Dawn Behney	Charles Hartman	Marilyn Long	Marian Stahl
Mary Ellen Behney	John Haley	George Lutz	Donald Swartz
David Bickel	John Haak	Douglas Lape	David Seyler

*First Grade*

Harvey Deck	Joan Miller	Joyce Potteiger	Elizabeth Ann Seyler
William Helms	Nancy Mountz	David Reifsnyder	Larry Spangler
James Kolbay	Beryll Mohler	Jacob Ryan	Gene Sites
Ronald Kipp	David Monroe	Nancy Schaeffer	Gerald Smith
Marian Leininger	Nancy Lee Oberly	Patricia Schaum	John Strickler
Gerald Lengel	David Porter	Pauline Schwartz	

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*School Calendar*

September	3	Opening of School Term
September	13	Reading Fair Day
September	27	Talk—"Where Are the Golden Days?"—Rev. Leisey
October	4	Sound Pictures—"Give Us Our Daily Bread"—Maiers Bakery
October	11	Columbus Day—Grade 11
October	25	Noted Lecturer of World Travels—Arthur Cone
October	29	Hallowe'en—Grade 8
November	11	Armistice—Grade 12
November	12	Grade Operetta
November	27	Thanksgiving Program—Grades 1-12
November	28	Thanksgiving Vacation
November	29	
December	6	Industrial Arts—Mr. Grove
December	13	Puppet Show
December	23	Civic Club Christmas Party
December	24	Christmas Program—Grades 1-12
December	25	
to		Christmas Vacation
January	1	
January	10	Music (vocal) Miss Erb
January	21	Senior Class Play
January	24	Boy Scout Program—Robert Burcaw
January	30	Band Concert
February	4	Junior Sport Hop
February	5	Sound Movies—Victor Co.
February	12	Lincoln—Grade 7
February	17	F. & M. College Glee Club Concert
February	21	Debate—Boyertown
February	21	Washington—Grade 9
February	28	Sound Movies—"The Army on Wheels"
March	4	Card Party—Junior Class
March	6	Sound Movies—Baseball
March	13	Music (Instrumental)—Mr. Landis
March	18	Sound Movies
March	21	St. Patrick's Day—Grade 10
March	23	High School Operetta
April	1	Sound Movies
April	4	Talk—Judge P. N. Schaeffer
April	7	Magician—Erust
April	10	Easter Program—Grades 1-12
April	11	Good Friday Vacation
April	14	Easter Monday Vacation
April	18	Home Economics—Miss Wint
April	28	Talk—Dr. A. C. Harpes
May	1	Local Field Day
May	5	W.H.S. Broadcast WEEU
May	6	Band Solicitations
May	9	State Senator F. W. Ruth
May	15	Community Night
May	16	5th Annual Fashion Show
May	23	Class Night
May	25	Baccalaureate
May	27	Commencement







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## *Art Club*

THE purpose of the Art Club is to provide: a worthy use of leisure time, an outlet for individual art expression as the person desires or feels it, and more individual instruction.

Sponsor . . . . . J. R. GIBSON

## Officers

President . . . . . COOLIDGE LONG

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Leah Deck	Robert Raihl
Donald Flickinger	Robert Schwartz
Richard Garrett	Harry Sohn
Cora Geddes	Richard Sohn
Robert Hafer	Richard Weik
Richard Keppley	Dawson Wolfe
DeLura Kolbay	William Yeiser
John LaRose	

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## Boys' Home Economics Club

THE purpose of the Boys' Home Economics Club is to give its members the privileges which are offered the girls in Vocational Home Economics. This is the first year this club has been offered in our local schools.

### Officers

*President* . . . . . RALPH MILLER

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Secretary . . . . . MELVIN HOOVER

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Robert Riehl

Harold Batdorf

Staurt Rothermel

Harold Gruber

Clifford Sh

Neal Hamaker

John Sohn

Melvin Hoover

Harold Smith

Arthur Hower

Franklin Strick

Harry Keppley

Donald Swanger

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## *Rod and Gun Club*

THE Rod and Gun Club presents an opportunity for the good use of leisure time, to develop a love of nature, to develop high ideals of fair play and good sportsmanship, and to increase the educational values of activities.

Sponsor . . . . . ARTHUR S. GROVE

## Officers

President . . . . . HAROLD BATDORF

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Luke Batdorf  
Robert Bennethum  
Harold Gruber  
Arthur Hower  
Harry Keppley

Elliott LaRose  
John Seyler  
Richard Sherman  
Harold Smith  
John Sohn  
Earl Welder

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## *Handicraft Club*

THE objectives of the Handicraft Club are: to practice democratic ideals; to realize that the success of the club depends on individual cooperation; to understand that the club, as in any group of people, has certain social obligations; to encourage hobbies; to become more proficient in that form of handicraft selected.

*Sponsor* . . . . . CLARA A. BORDNER

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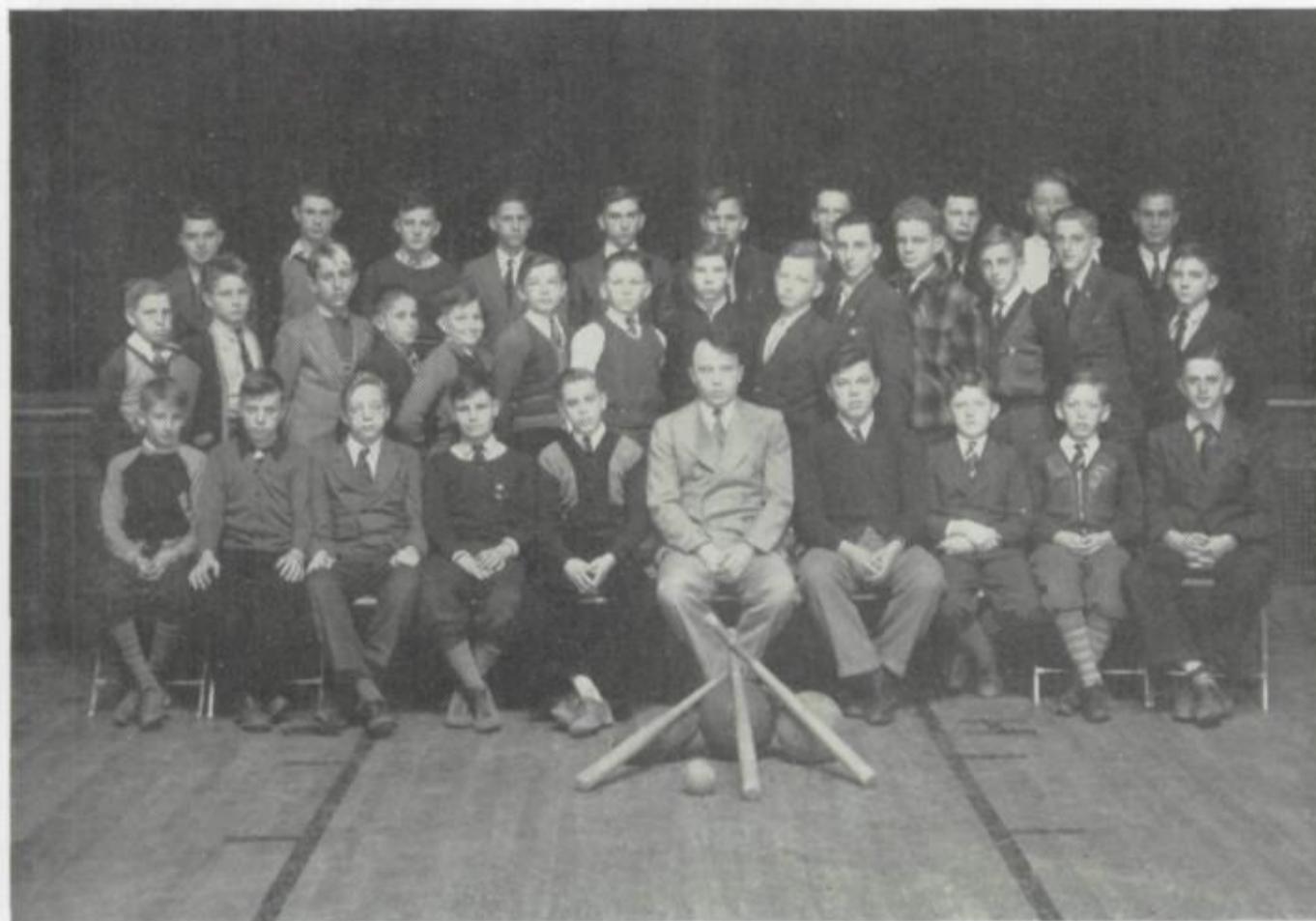
Treasurer . . . . . SHIRLEY DISSINGER

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Lydia Eberly  
Isabel Hoffa  
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Pauline Long  
May Rhine  
Laura Schoener  
Lois Schoener  
Dorothy Smeck  
June Strunk  
Irene Wagner  
Patricia Weik

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## *Sports Club*

IT is the aim of the Sports Club to promote among its members a better spirit of cooperation, a greater understanding of varied activities, a love for activities other than those taught in physical education classes, and an appreciation of sports from a spectator's viewpoint. We endeavor to give all members an opportunity to participate in every activity at some time during the year.

*Sponsor . . . . .* PAUL L. FISHER

### *Officers*

*President . . . . .* MARTIN GABLE

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Robert Baker	Roy Flickinger	Robert Lengel	Kenneth Sites
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Albert Burkman	Richard Haag	Edgar Lutz	Donald Stull
Richard Dissinger	Wilford Hampton	John Martin	Robert Stull
Berle Eiceman	Paul Heck	William Mattis	Charles Weiss
Kenneth Eiceman	William Holzman	Keith Philips	Wayne Wrightstone
Lewis Fichthorn	Stanley Holzman	Russel Seigfried	

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## Game Club

THE Game Club is a purely recreational club. We play both indoor and outdoor games. During softball season the club has two softball teams in which we have competitive games. We have learned to play many new games which are quite appropriate for parties. Our motto is: "FUN-FOR-ALL."

## Officers

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Sara Leiss  
Betty Lorish  
Dorothy Mason  
Arlene Miller  
Jane Miller  
Bettie Mull

Helen Schoener  
Gloria Swanger  
Pearl Troutman  
Selah Troutman  
Mary Troutman  
Eleanor Wolf

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## Debate Club

### Question for Debate:

*Resolved*, That the power of the Federal Government should be increased.

## NEGATIVE TEAM

## AFFIRMATIVE TEAM

1st Speaker . . . . .	Jeanette Weber
2nd Speaker . . . . .	Mary Hoffa
3rd Speaker . . . . .	Kathryn Wiest
4th Speaker . . . . .	Jane Herbine
(Alternate)	

Coach . . . . . DEAN M. AUNGST

Womelsdorf Affirmative team debated with the Negative team of Boyertown at Womelsdorf. Womelsdorf Negative team debated with the Affirmative team of Mohnton at Mohnton.

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*Faculty*

Paul H. Wagenhurst

William A. Burkhart

Kathryn Shupe Wenhold

Paul L. Fisher

Dean M. Aungst

Clara A. Bordner

Laura May Snyder

Arthur S. Grove

Josephine E. Swanger

Ruth E. Wint

J. R. Gibson

Annie E. Kintzer

Annie L. Eberly

Virginia Walters Hagemeyer

Helen M. Hain

Frances S. Erb

Laura M. Wagner

Homer L. Landis

Ethel M. Hamaker

Mary Matthew Stoudt

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## Photography Club

HERE an opportunity is presented for the developing of an intelligent, discriminating taste for and a love of beauty and composition, a chance to become familiar with the history of photography, the study of cameras, and the care and preparation of films and pictures.

## Officers

President . . . . . HAROLD FOCH

*Vice-President* . . . . . ROBERT REIFSNYDER

*Secretary and Treasurer . . .* MATTHEW HOOVER

Rebecca Dissinger  
Harold Focht  
Betty German  
Ellen Greenthal  
Matthew Hoover  
Mildred Hower  
Marian Keppley  
Annabel LaRose  
Betty McCole

Joseph Miller  
Ralph Mountz  
Shirley Oberly  
Robert Reifsnyder  
Mildred Seigfried  
Mary Sohn  
Joan Sallade  
Dorothy Weiss

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## *Class Play*

### "HIGH PRESSURE HOMER"

#### CAST

<i>Stage Manager</i>	JOHN LENGEL
<i>Stage Setting</i>	A. S. GROVE
<i>Director</i>	DEAN M. AUNGST
<i>Stage Design</i>	J. R. GIBSON
<i>Property Manager</i>	DAISY BASHORE
<i>Advertising and Tickets</i>	MARY HOFFA, MARY NANTZ
<i>Assisting Cast</i>	CARL BERGER, REBECCA BAKER, VERNA LUTZ
Mrs. Chester Woodruff, who loves to go to funerals	Ruth Putt
Chester Woodruff, her husband, who loves to go to fires	John Lengel
Junior Woodruff, their son, who loves explosions	Rohland Stager
Boots Woodruff, their daughter, who loves to act	Betty Sue Nantz
Arlene Woodruff, their adopted daughter, who loves them all	Vivian Bright
Zenith, the Woodruff maid, who loves to escape work	Kathryn Wiest
Aunt Cora, who loves to complain	Margaret Grimes
Mrs. Margaret Taylor, who loves to visit	Isabel Fichthorn
Bunny Taylor, her daughter, who loves to have her own way	Marie Heffelfinger
Homer Hampton Haywood, who loves to promote	William Leisey
Wade Wainright, who loves Arlene	Richard Sherman
Chetwynde Cluett, who loves making folks happy	Elliott LaRose

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*High School Operetta*  
IN GRAND OLD SWITZERLAND

CHARACTERS

Herr Bolliger, A famous clock maker . . . . .	Stuart Rothermel
Trudi, His daughter . . . . .	Betty Sue Nantz
Herr Nops, A famous guide and mountain climber . . . . .	Harold Smith
*Juli, His son . . . . .	Robert Reifsnyder
Mrs. Miller, An American tourist . . . . .	Ruth Putt
Donna, Her daughter . . . . .	Kathryn Wiest
John, Her son . . . . .	William Leisey
Hedwig, A friend of Juli and Trudi . . . . .	Neal Hamaker
Fritz, A friend of Juli and Trudi . . . . .	Melvin Hoover

*Chorus of Swiss Boys and Girls*

*Girls:*

Annabel Strickler  
Helen Hoffman  
Margaret Grimes  
Betty Dissinger  
Mary Hoffa  
Isabel Fichthorn  
Shirley Anderson  
Mary Nantz  
Daisy Bashore

Vivian Bright  
Mary Raihl  
Jeanette Weber  
Irene Wagner  
Mildred Putt  
Mildred Stoehrel  
Pauline Long  
Lucille Parsons  
Jane Herbine

Mildred Hafer  
Kathleen Illig

Harry Sohn  
Franklin Strickler  
Robert Hafer  
Earl Kreitz  
Richard Dissinger  
Robert Lengel  
Ralph Mountz  
John Tryon  
Richard Sherman  
Richard Keppley

*Boys:*

Coolidge Long  
Ralph Miller  
Robert Riehl  
Mark Eberly  
Harry Keppley

*Directors . . . . .* Frances Erb, Dean Aungst, Wm. Burkhardt  
*Accompanist . . . . .* George MacNeal

\* Due to illness, William Yeiser, originally scheduled for this part, was unable to perform.

CL A S S O F N I N E T E E N F O R T Y - O N E



## *Girls' Chorus*

A GIRLS' chorus, or glee club, was organized at the beginning of this year's school term with a membership of fourteen which soon increased to twenty-four. The girls meet once a week during the activity period. They made their first appearance as a group on a musical program given in the high school assembly on January 7th.

Janet Donbach  
Mildred Fritz  
Cora Geddes  
Mildred Hafer  
Helen Hoffman  
Kathleen Illig  
DeLura Kolbay  
Marion Lorish  
Pauline Long  
Betty McCole  
Jane Miller  
Ruth Mull

Lucille Parson  
Mildred Putt  
Mary Raihl  
Helen Schoener  
Dorothy Smeck  
Mildred Stoehrel  
Annabel Strickler  
Emily Thomas  
Irene Wagner  
Patricia Weik  
Evelyn Witman

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## *Dramatics Club*

THE Dramatics Club is an organization of the students which devotes its energies to obtaining a usable knowledge in a few of the various fields in the art of the drama. For all those interested it offers a chance to become acquainted with the workings of both stage and acting "script." This year's group was given instructions in acting, make-up, play writing, and play reading.

*Sponsor . . . . .* DEAN M. AUNGST

### *Officers*

*President . . . . .* JEANETTE WEBER

*Secretary and Treasurer . . . . .* JANE HERBINE

Warren Dengler  
Jane Herbine  
John Jones  
Verna Lutz  
Ruth Mull

Arthur Rhoads  
Jack Sauers  
Emily Thomas  
Jeanette Weber  
Richard Weidman

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*The Orchestra*

<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>HOMER L. LANDIS</i>			
<i>Violin</i>	<i>Clarinet</i>	<i>Baritone</i>	<i>Drums</i>	
Betty Sue Nantz*	Carl Berger	Frank Whiting	Verna Lutz	
Cora Geddes	Robert Stull	<i>Trombone</i>	Keith Phillips	
Anna Dillman		Wilford Hampton	Neal Hamaker	
Emily Thomas	Flute		Leonard Chelius	
Joseph Miller	John Seyler	<i>Bass</i>		
Marion Lorish		William Leisey	<i>Cymbals</i>	
Gloria Fulmer	<i>Trumpet</i>	<i>Piano</i>	Doris Mitchell	
DeLura Kolbay	Mary Nantz	Albert Burkman	George MacNeal	<i>Horn</i>
<i>Oboe</i>		Robert Walters	Mary Hoffa	George Heim
Mark Wenrich	Charles Barge		Warren Dengler	

\* Betty Sue Nantz represented our school this year in the all-state orchestra which convened at Erie, Pa.

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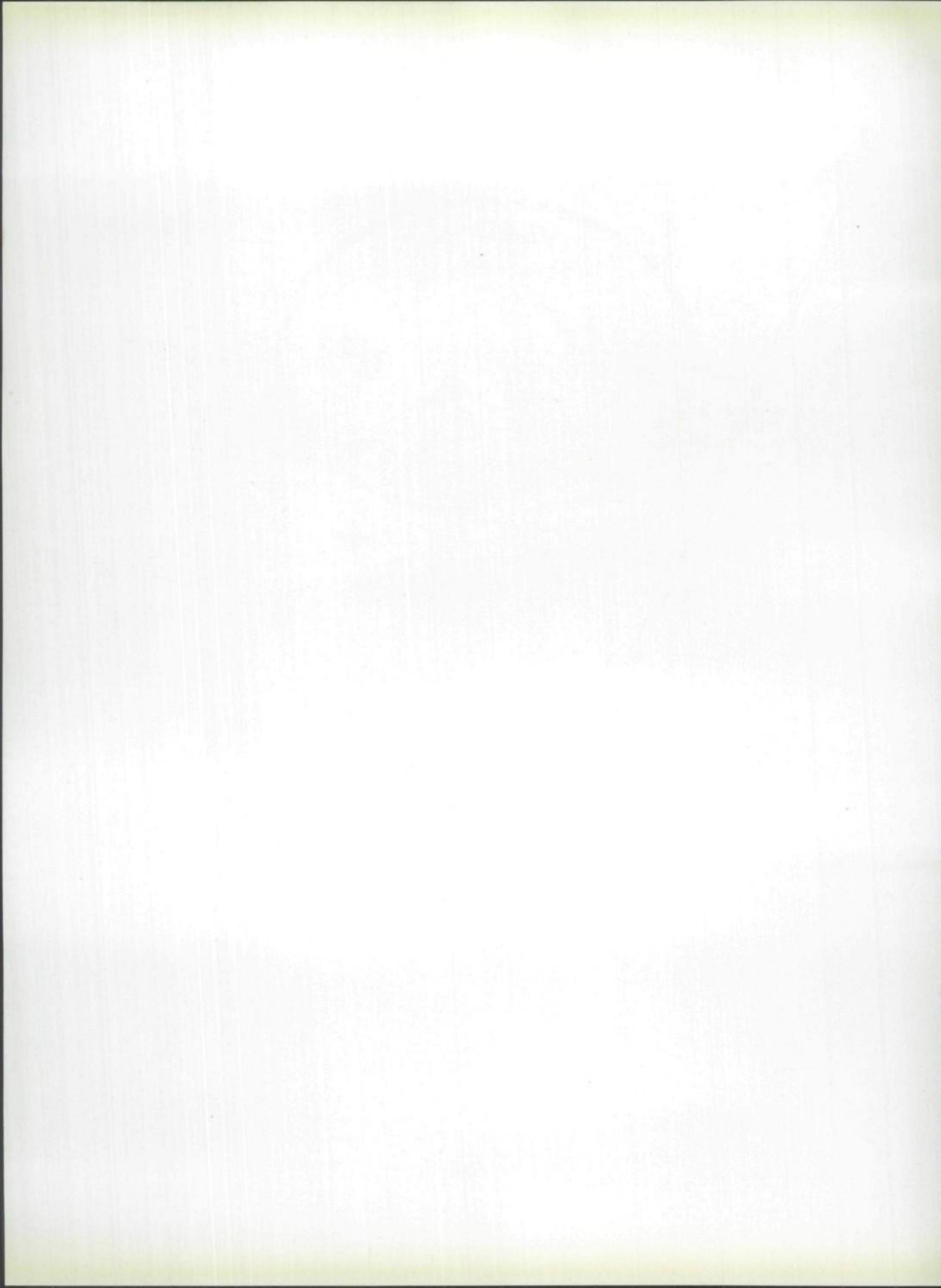
*The Band*

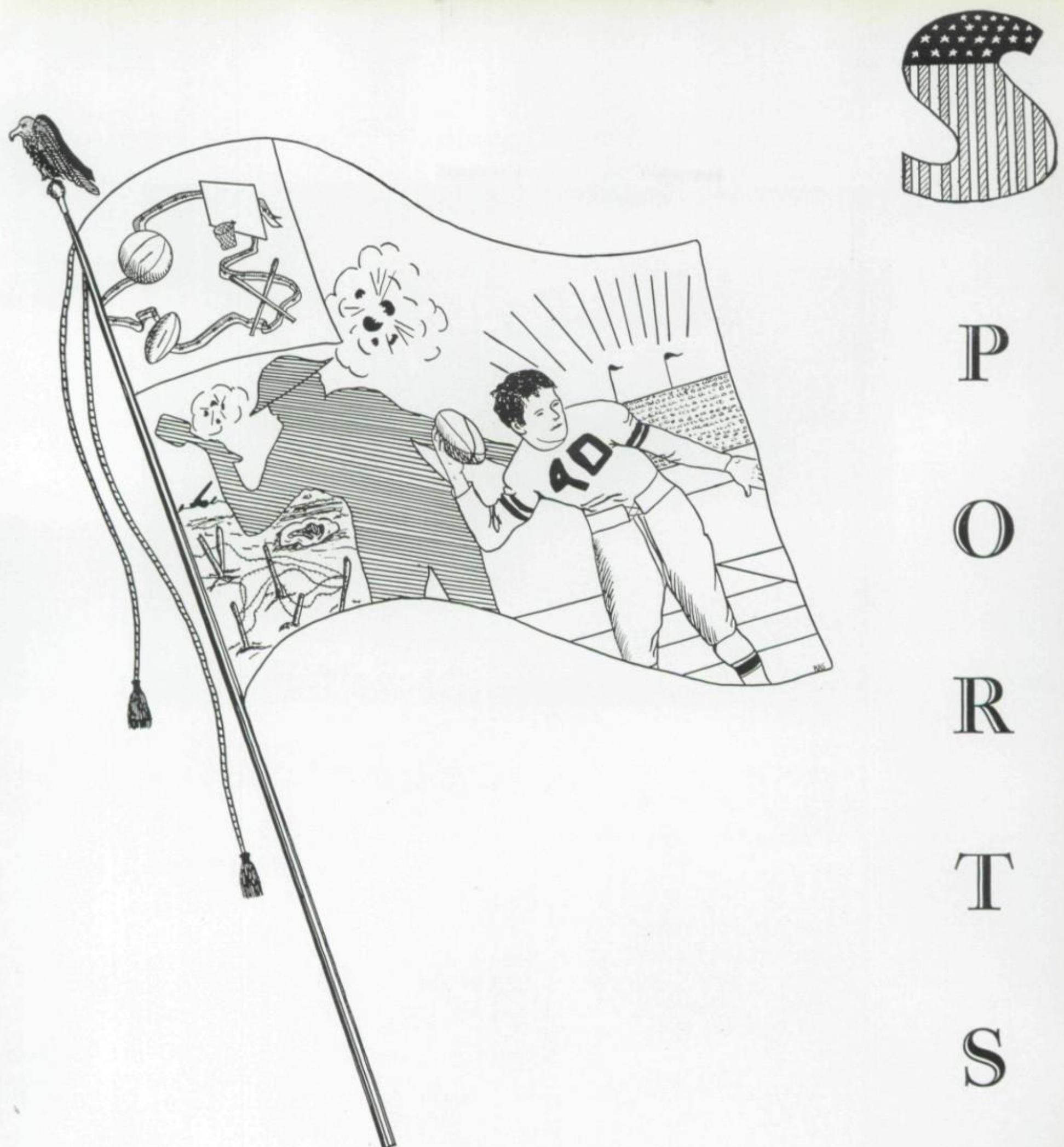
<i>Solo Cornet</i>	<i>Solo Clarinet</i>	<i>Baritone</i>	<i>Bass Drum</i>
Mary E. Nantz	*Carl Berger	*Frank Whiting	Verna Lutz
Albert Burkman	(In Charge)		(In Charge)
(In Charge of Cornets)	*George MacNeal	Wilford Hampton (1st)	<i>Cymbals</i>
Robert Walters	Mark Wenrich	Robert Baker (2nd)	Doris Mitchell
<i>First Cornet</i>	<i>Eb Clarinet</i>	Gloria Fulmer (3rd)	
Joseph Miller	Harold Focht	<i>First Horn</i>	<i>Snare Drum</i>
Richard Keppley		George Heim	Kieth Phillips
Rebecca Dissinger	Second Clarinet	(In Charge)	Neal Hamaker
	Robert Stull		Donald Auman
<i>Second Cornet</i>	Floyd Humphrey	<i>BBb Bass</i>	<i>Snare Drum and Xylophone</i>
Charles Barge		*William Leisey	Leonard Chelius
Matthew Hoover	Third Clarinet	Mark Eberly	
<i>Third Cornet</i>	Donald Stull		
Roy Flickinger	<i>Flute</i>	<i>Eb Bass</i>	
	John Seyler	John Jones	

\* The following members of the band represented the school this year in the Eastern District Music Festival which was held in the Mt. Penn High School Auditorium, March 22:

George MacNeal	...	Third Clarinet
Carl Berger	...	Solo Clarinet
William Leisey	...	Bass
Frank Whiting	...	Baritone







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## *Varsity Basketball*

Coach . . . . . J. R. GIBSON  
Managers . . . . . RICHARD KEPPLEY, MERRIT AUMAN

### Players

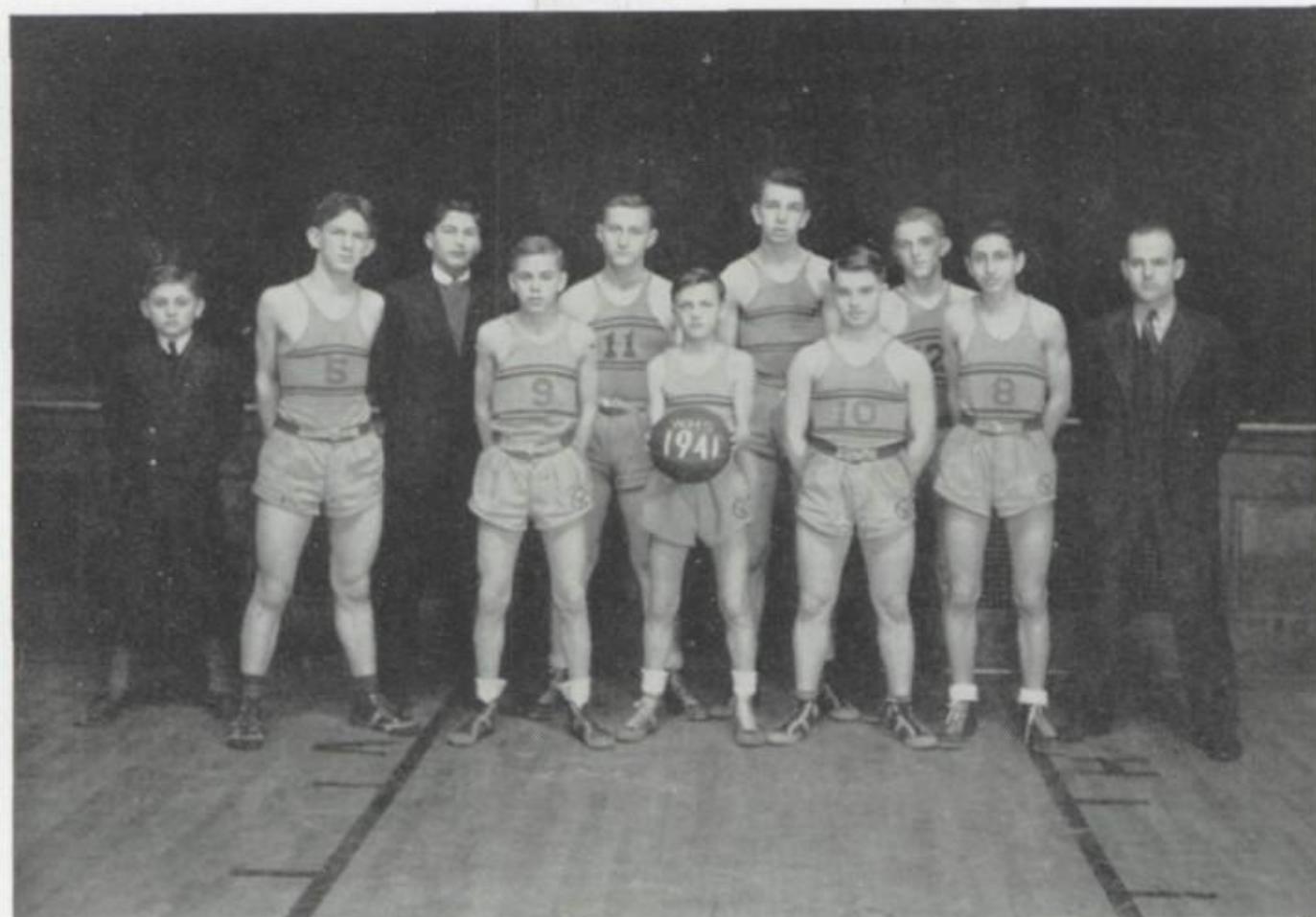
Franklin Strickler  
Robert Bennethum  
Robert Riehl  
Stuart Rothermel  
William Leisey

John Lengel  
Harold Gruber  
Mark Eberly  
Harry Keppley

### *Schedule*

	W.H.S.	OPP.		W.H.S.	OPP.
Alumni . . . . .	14	28	Sinking Springs . . . . .	22	29
Wilson . . . . .	20	55	Wyomissing . . . . .	16	55
Perry . . . . .	24	33	Bethel . . . . .	45	29
Birdsboro . . . . .	14	40	Wernersville . . . . .	12	64
Wyomissing . . . . .	11	44	Lebanon Catholic . . . . .	24	48
Bethel . . . . .	32	20	Robesonia . . . . .	12	22
Wernersville . . . . .	14	101	West Reading . . . . .	18	54
Ontelaunee . . . . .	24	20	Lebanon Catholic . . . . .	32	41
Robesonia . . . . .	12	23	Sinking Springs . . . . .	20	19
West Reading . . . . .	24	27	Birdsboro . . . . .	26	52
Wilson . . . . .	14	32			

CLASS OF NINETEEN FORTY-ONE



## *Junior Varsity*

*Coach* . . . . . J. R. GIBSON  
*Managers* . . . . . RICHARD KEPPLEY, MERRIT AUMAN

## Players

Melvin Hoover  
Clifford Sherman  
Richard Dissinger  
Robert Lengel

Robert Aulenbach  
Matthew Hoover  
Harry Sohn  
Harold Smith

### *Schedule*

	W.H.S.	OPP.		W.H.S.	OPP.
Wilson . . . . .	10	55	Sinking Springs . . . . .	17	41
Perry . . . . .	11	22	Wyomissing . . . . .	4	38
Birdsboro . . . . .	14	20	Bethel . . . . .	20	14
Wyomissing . . . . .	30	37	Wernersville . . . . .	19	44
Bethel . . . . .	37	23	Lebanon Catholic . . . . .	13	26
Wernersville . . . . .	11	53	Robesonia . . . . .	20	15
Ontelaunee . . . . .	22	24	West Reading . . . . .	17	68
Robesonia . . . . .	9	33	Lebanon Catholic . . . . .	7	32
West Reading . . . . .	21	49	Sinking Springs . . . . .	20	31
Wilson . . . . .	16	21	Birdsboro . . . . .	28	40

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*Cheer Leaders*

Mildred Stoehrel  
Mildred Hafer

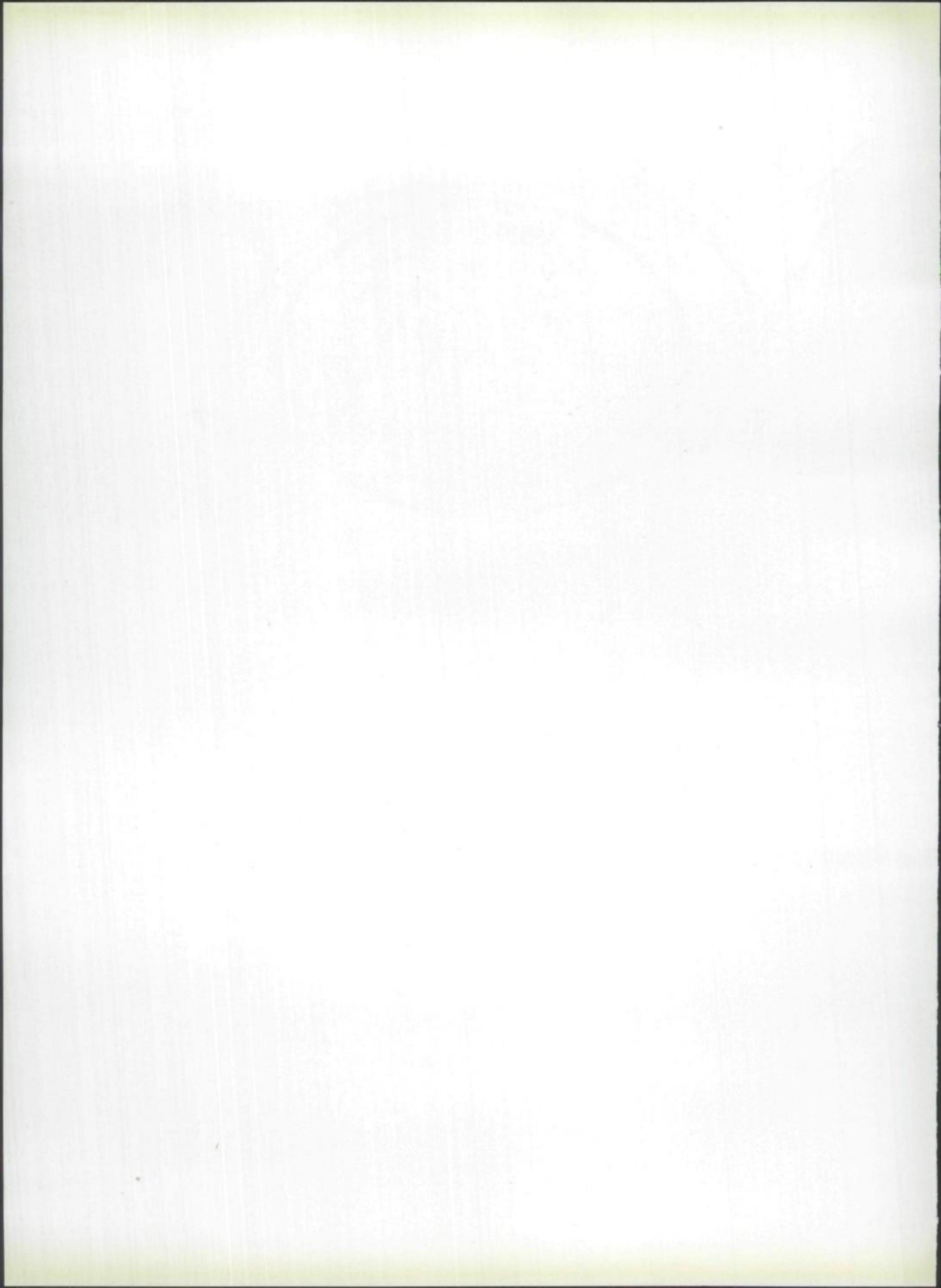
Mary Hoffa  
Mildred Putt

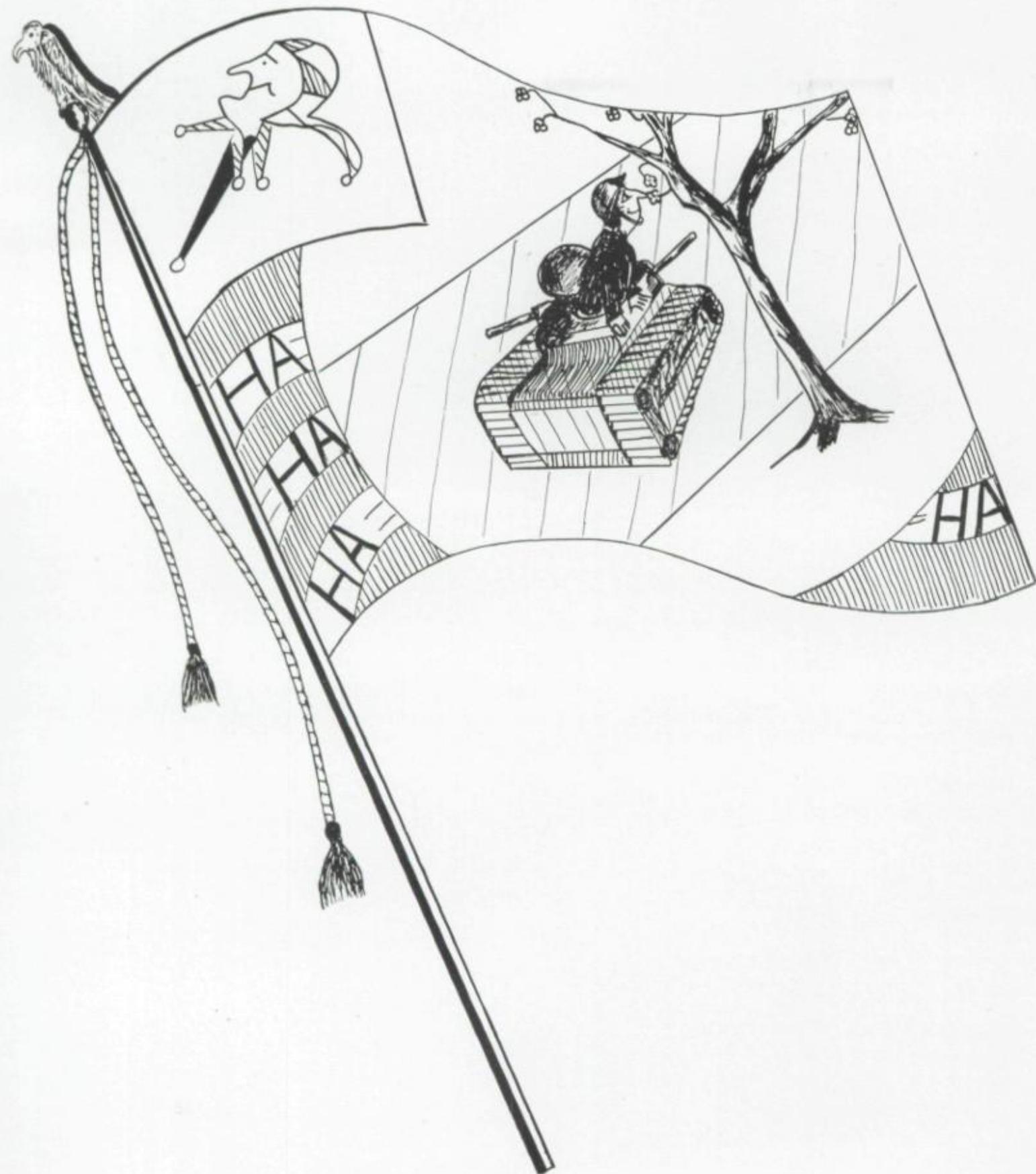
Jane Herbine  
Lucille Parsons

*Rossy's Yell*

Make that goal, roll that score  
Womelsdorf High School, we want more!  
Get that ball, show your steam,  
Womelsdorf High School,  
Team! Team! Team!







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## *Wit and Humor*

### Ignorance

*Mr. Fisher*—"What is the half of eight, Margaret?"

*Margaret Grimes*—"Which way, Teacher?"

*Mr. Fisher*—"What do you mean?"

*Margaret Grimes*—"On top, or sideways?"

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*Vivian Bright*—"Did anyone ever tell you how wonderful you are?"

*Bill Leisey*—"Don't believe they ever did."

*Vivian Bright*—"Then where'd you get the idea?"

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*Miss Shupe*—"What is the difference between a check and a draft?"

*John Lengel*—"Just open your mouth, that's a draft."

*Miss Shupe*—"All right, John, just put a check on that draft."

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*Frank Whiting*—"Wass haust du gedu mit sel alt counterfeit zehe dollar note als ich funde hab und hab dir gevve, Harold? Es war spauzig wie du gelangt haust for sel falsz geld. Ha-ha. Ich hab lange misse. Du haust gebisse uff sel wie un fish uns hoke schlugt."

*Harold Gassert*—"Ja, is war spauzig wehe sel geld. Del dauge hab ich gemeant

es is gut und del dauge hab ich gemeant es war schlecht, und a daug wie ich gemeant hab als es gut was gab ich's geused.

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"Of course I couldn't tell much about him. Both times I saw him he was sober," said Miss Mary Hoffa to Miss Mary Nantz.

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"Nothing special, thanks—just smelling," said Miss Kathryn Wiest at the perfume counter as she opened another expensive bottle.

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*Miss Wint*—"Betty Sue, what is Joseph Lister noted for?"

*Betty Sue*—(In all seriousness) "He invented a cure for blisters."

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"You see, it brings out the natural color of the hair and makes it red," said the beautician (Verna Lutz) to her customer (Mr. Gibson).

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*Isabel Fichthorn*—"Doctor, I'm kept awake night after night by a terrible pain in the neck. What do you suggest?"

*Doc. Robland Stager*—"Send him home early and then call me."

## CLASS OF NINETEEN FORTY-ONE

*First Burglar* (Harold Gassert)—“Come on, let’s figure out how much we made on this haul.”

*Second Burglar* (Edward Erie)—“Shucks, I’m tired. Let’s wait and look in the morning paper.”

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*Betty Dissinger*—“Waiter, I’ll have pork chops with fried potatoes, and I’ll have the chops lean.”

*Waiter*—“Yes, Madam, which way, madam?”

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“Yes,” said Bill Leisey, “I have had some very trying experiences on the ball field. I was once struck senseless by a ball.”

“And when,” asked Mr. Gibson, “do you expect to recover?”

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*Sunday School Teacher*—“Elliott, what parable do you like the best?”

*Elliott LaRose*—“The one about the multitude that loafs and fishes.”

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*Richard Sherman*—“I put a tack on Mr. Burkhart’s seat yesterday.”

*Jack Sauers*—“Did you? I bet he won’t sit down in a hurry.”

*Richard Sherman*—“No, neither will I.”

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“Now, before we go any further, shall we agree there’s no use kidding our-

selves?” said the salesgirl confidentially to Ruth Putt at the corset counter.

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*Son*—“Daddy, may I ask you a question?”

*Mr. Grove*—“Yes, son, but it must be a short one.”

“If a doctor is doctoring a doctor, does the doctor doing the doctoring have to doctor the doctor the way the doctor being doctored wants to be doctored, or does the doctor doctoring the doctor, doctor the doctor the way he usually doctors?”

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“You can’t get eggs with out hens,” said Mr. Wagenhurst to John Lengel.

“My grandfather can,” argued John.

“Please explain yourself, young man,” answered Mr. Wagenhurst.

“He keeps ducks,” replied John.

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Weiser had secured a large amount of land, some of which tradition says he got in the following manner—

Chief Shekallamy went to Weiser, saying, “I had a dream. I dreamed that Tarachawagon (Weiser) had promised me a rifle.” Conrad, we are told, handed over the gun. Some days later Weiser had his dream. He went to the old chief, saying, “I dreamed that Shekallamy presented me with a large and beautiful island nestled in the Susquehanna River.” The chief deeded over the land, and then said, “Conrad, let us never dream again.”

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*Senior Activities*

The following have been the activities of the Class of Forty-one:

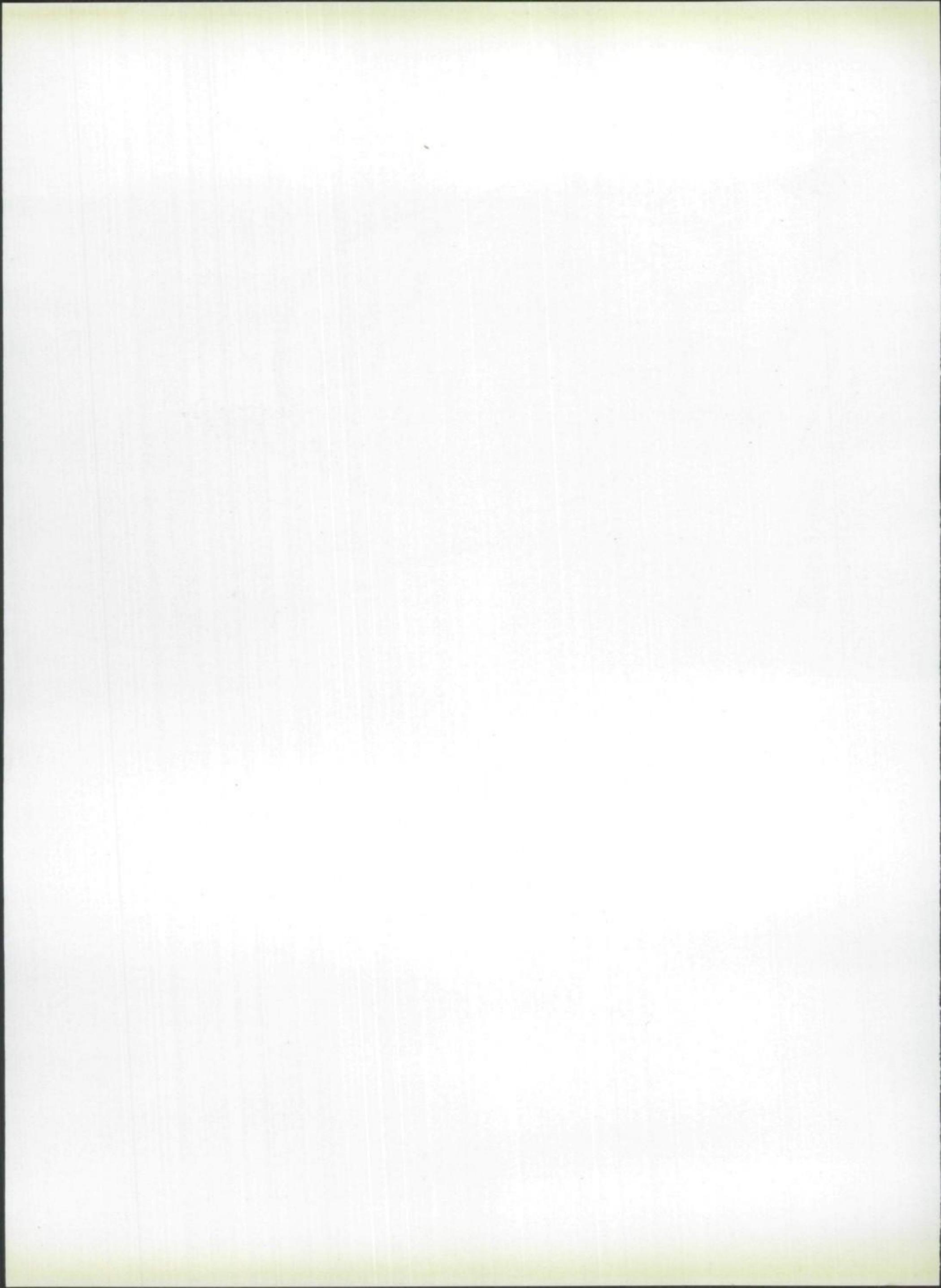
1940

- September 30 Doggie Roast
- October 18 Senior Bingo Party
- October 26 Halloween Dance
- November 11 Senior Assembly Program
- November 14 Card Party
- November 23 Thanksgiving Dance
- November 26 Turkey Chances
- December 7 Cake Sale
- December 13 Senior Writeups
- December 20 Deliver Wreaths
- December 21 Christmas Dance
- December 23 Turkey Chances

1941

- January 17 Bingo Party
- January 21 Senior Class Play
- February 15 Valentine Dance
- February 22 Supper and Cake Sale
- March 5 Bashore from U. E.
- March 11 Nickelodeon Dance
- March 15 Skating Party
- March 29 Sample Fair
- April 5 Cake Sale
- April 8 Easter Ham
- May 3 Dance
- May 12 New York Trip
- May 14 Annapolis Trip
- May 23 Class Night
- May 27 Commencement





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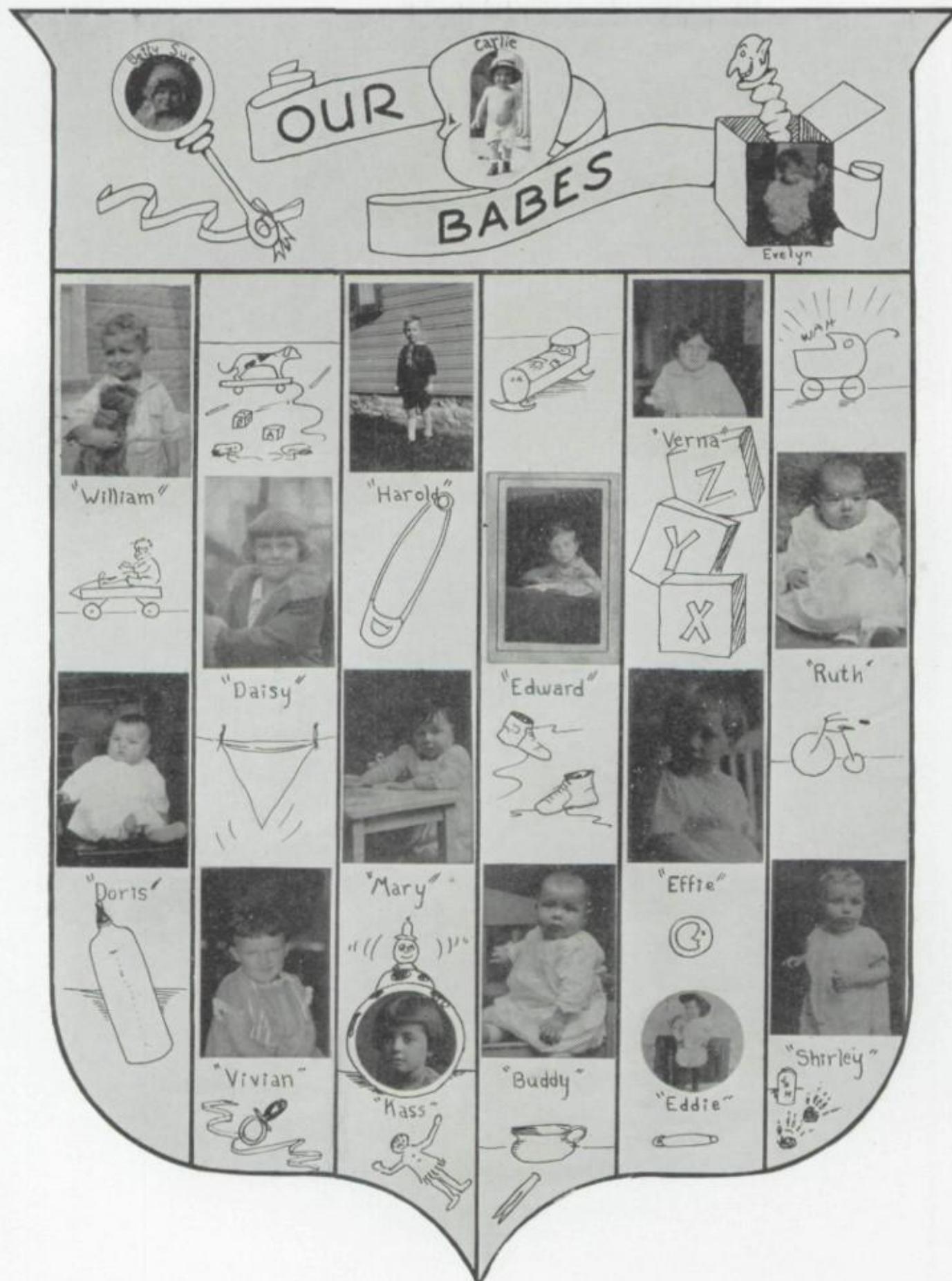
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"Rhythm Makers"



"HIGH PRESSURE HOMER"



"Eleanor Powell"



"Basketteers"



"Aunt Cora & Father Woodruff"



"Future Nurses"



"The Big Five"



"N.Y.A. Jerks"



"Bethany Bums"



"Windy & Bill"

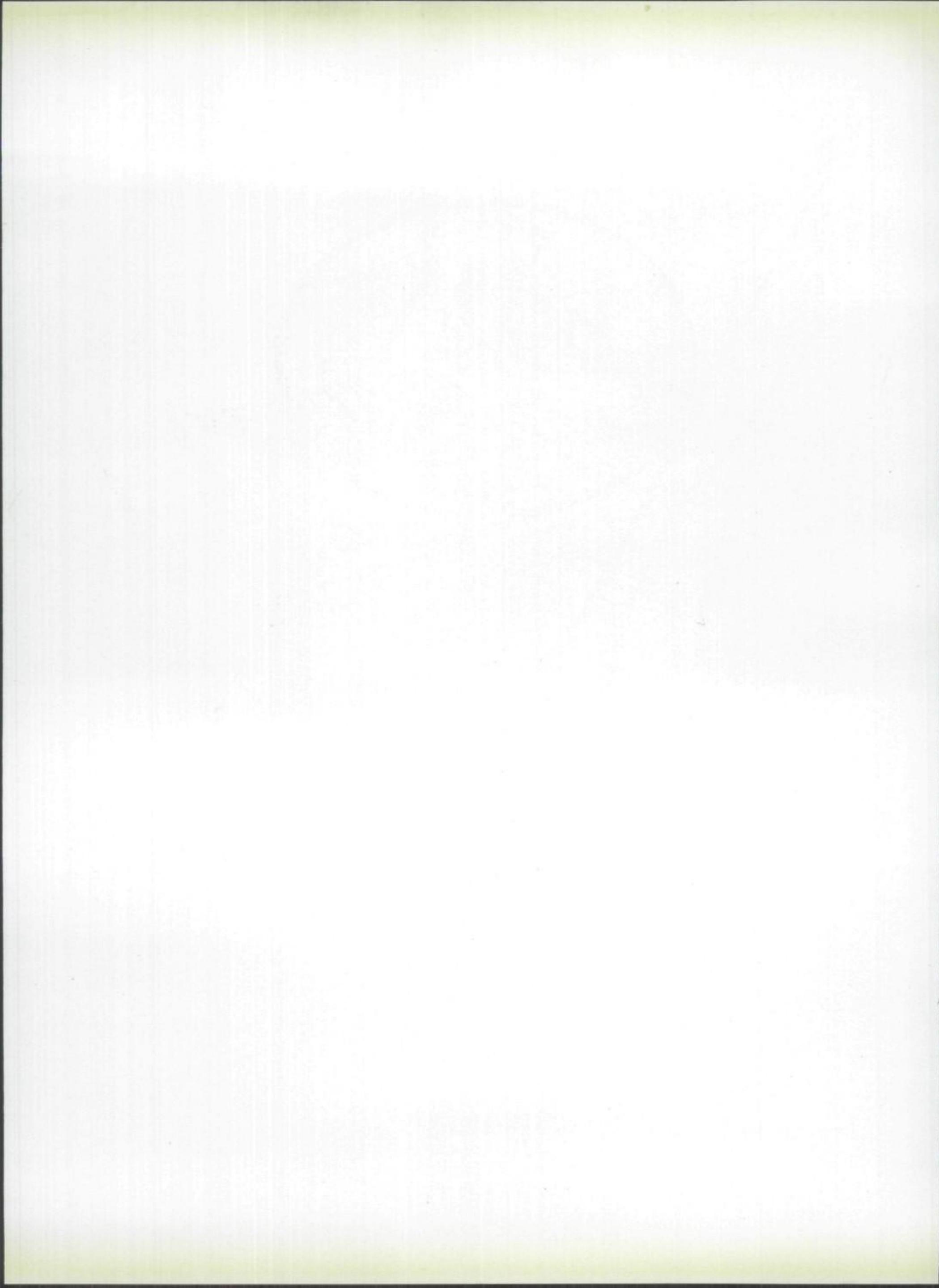


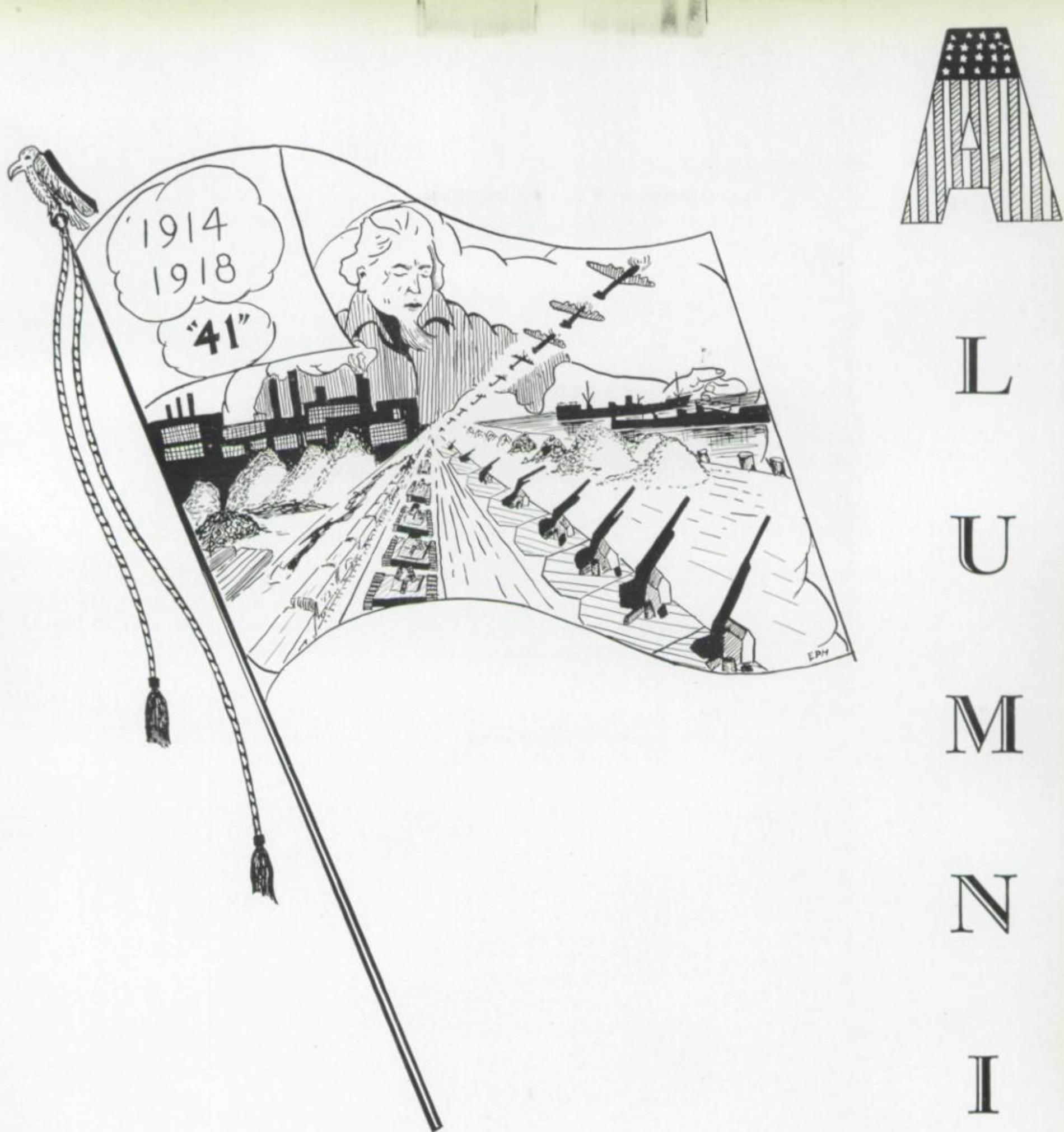
"Mischievous"



"Betts & Peanuts"







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*Womelsdorf High School Alumni*

<i>Class of 1895</i>	B. Harrison Hassler	Elmer Derr
Laura Althouse	Annie Bright Illig*	Franklin Hoffman
Mame Strauss Batdorf*	Emma Bausch Weaver	Clarence Kersnitz
Dora Bechtold	John Wolfkill	Irwin Lape
Harry Noll*	<i>Class of 1908</i>	Pauline Illig Schmehl
	Sophie Haak Bent	George Gilbert Snyder
<i>Class of 1898</i>	Gertrude Von Nieda Kahler	Ralph Strickler
Irwin Anspach	Annie Kintzer	Earl Wallace
Paul Engle	Paul Landis	<i>Class of 1914</i>
Robert Petree	Emma Noll Lindeman	Harry D. Althouse
<i>Class of 1900</i>	Mary E. Moore	Ada Moyer Archbold
John Keener	Margaret Filbert Potter	Beulah Horne Knouse
Edna Bausch Leinbach	Helen Wilhelm Rickers	Pauline Fidler Minnich
<i>Class of 1901</i>	Marx Schonour*	Helen Yoder Mock
Annie Eberly	Laura Dundore Seip*	May Stout Seidel
Hattie Manderbach Ellis*	Charles Steinmetz	<i>Class of 1915</i>
Irene Illig	<i>Class of 1909</i>	Orpha Schaeffer Althouse
John Marshall*	Eva Bright	Paul Brossman*
<i>Class of 1902</i>	Florence Christman	Marie Basley Derr*
Beulah Dundore Hackman	Margaret Corwin	Lee Engle
Harry Illig	Howard Degler	Frederic Glassmire
Raymond Klopp	Edgar Glassmire	Paul Hoffberger
Floy Snyder	Sarah Illig Horne	Lottie Batdorf Kalbach
<i>Class of 1903</i>	Carrie Moyer	Paul Katzaman
Annie Gruber Hassler	Harold Sallade*	Lester Mattes
John E. Livingood	Harry Wagner	Laura Moyer
Paul A. Matthews*	<i>Class of 1910</i>	<i>Class of 1916</i>
<i>Class of 1904</i>	Martin Brossman	LeRoy Christman
Ella Sallade Christ	Marion Dunkleberger	Arthur Graeff
Frank Clouse*	Edith Kurtz Hartman*	Henry Hackman
Miles Kalbach	Edna Hoffa	Jonathan Klopp*
James Moore	J. Harold Klopp	Raymond Miller
<i>Class of 1905</i>	Earl Mattes	Ellis Oberlin
Joseph Filbert	Donald Moyer	Margaret German Sheetz
Lloyd Fisher*	Mae Mattes Streaker	<i>Class of 1917</i>
Mollie Gruber	Elizabeth Moyer Swab	Sarah Knoll
Mamie Moyer Hackman	<i>Class of 1911</i>	<i>Class of 1918</i>
Kathryn Hassler	Valeria Petticoffer Eberly	Pauline Hackman
Ralph Matthew	Elsie Krietzer Illig*	Stanley Klopp
Grace Matthews	Marie Hafer Kunkel	Ella Moyer
Paul Strauss*	Christine Bechtel Lindemuth	Ruth Livingood Ohl
Harry Stuber	Irene Fidler Ludwig	Margaret Kintzer Snyder
<i>Class of 1906</i>	Charlotte Hackman Stamm	Stuart Williamson
John Anspach	Ralph Trexler	<i>Class of 1919</i>
Robert B. Filbert, Sr.	<i>Class of 1912</i>	Earl Bennethum
Ethel Corwin Fisher	Elsie Goldman	Harry Fidler*
R. Wright Hackman	Mabel Knoll	Joseph Grimes
Lee M. Sallade	Aaron Machamer	Edna Schaum Haak
Meta Shulley Schaefer	George Moyer	Ella Moore Klopp
Thomas Schonour	Mamie Corwin Wacha	Catherine Wilhelm Minnich
<i>Class of 1907</i>	Paul Wagner	Margaret Beckey Pannebecker
Samuel Clouse	<i>Class of 1913</i>	Mary Weiss
Bessie Klopp Griesemer	Sarah Moyer Broughall	

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*Class of 1920*

Elsie Wartluft Bennethum  
Helen Schenck Krick  
Helen Schaeffer McHenry  
LaRue Eberly Rupp  
Dorothy Schoener

*Class of 1921*

Mary E. Leininger Conway  
Thomas Fidler  
Bessie E. Fromm High  
Mary Althouse Hoffman  
Hilda Hall Jameson  
Beulah Himmelreich Kline  
John Klopp  
Ralph Knoll  
Mary E. Althouse Payne  
Harry Raihl  
Helen Keeney Sebastian  
Emma Wilhelm

*Class of 1922*

Edna Reinhold Haak  
Katie Kalbach Hartman  
George Yiengst

*Class of 1923*

Henry Hamaker  
Max Schaeffer  
Mary E. Matthew Stoudt  
Lee Webber

*Class of 1924*

Wilson Barto  
Lester Brendle  
Marion Fisher  
Charles Henne  
Elsie Kintzer  
Adam Manbeck  
Eva Schell Mengel  
Wayne Moll  
Clarence Moyer  
Carl Schoener\*  
Laura Wagner  
A. Beatrice Weidler

*Class of 1925*

Margaret Althouse  
Mary Schoener Asper  
Amy Lengle Fields  
Miriam Schenck Hoover  
John Kalbach  
Eleanor Hamaker Krick  
Dorothy Moore  
Harry Reinhold  
Helen Rothermel  
Ruth Anspach Smith  
Mildred Mabry Swan  
Anna Taylor

\* Deceased.

*Class of 1926*

Dorothy Matthew Behney  
Marjorie Broman  
Allene Feeg\*  
Howard Grimes  
Estella Heckaman  
Helen Kalbach  
Mary Kintzer Mattes  
Carl Moyer  
Mary Miller Oxenreider  
LeRoy Schoener  
Burt Webber

*Class of 1927*

Anna Rothermel Brightbill  
Kenneth Chapman  
Ellen Christman  
Mamie Cox  
Miriam Berst Fisher  
Harry Kreitzer  
Laura Spayd Mentzer  
Samuel Moyer  
Pearl Sallade Sensenig  
Carrie Smith  
Maggie Klopp Warmkessel  
Madeline Yingling

*Class of 1928*

Harold Fortna  
Laura Webber Gruman  
Richard Herbine  
Earl Houncker  
Ralph Ibach  
Margaret Leininger  
Aletha Miller  
Arthur Moll  
Marian Fidler Reynolds  
Howard Schaum  
Isabel Schollenberger  
Byron Strauss

*Class of 1929*

LeRoy Anderson  
Raymond Anderson  
Margaret Berkheiser  
Leah Dundore Ditzel  
Samuel Ematat  
Helen Weiss Gosch  
Ethel Hamaker  
Arthur Heist  
Dorothy Kintzer  
George Knoll  
Ruth Matthew  
Mary Etta Tregellas Morris  
Marie Stoudt Renoll  
Robert Rothermel  
Mary Dundore Shanfelder  
Charles Shartle

Ruth Hunsicker Snyder  
Mabel Tobias

*Class of 1930*

Edith Weidler Eisley  
Ruth Gring Engle  
Ruth Trautman Essick  
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John Leininger  
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## *History of Womelsdorf*

ACCORDING to authoritative sources, Womelsdorf, our home town, was founded in the year 1792 by John Womelsdorf. However, records show that in 1723 thirty-three families had begun a settlement at the site of our present town. When this settlement was made, Washington had not yet been born, the Declaration of Independence was still fifty years away, and the Constitution of the United States was sixty-five years away.

Little information concerning the growth and activity of the settlement from the date it was founded until the Revolutionary War can be found. However, it is known that the tiny settlement and its surrounding country bore the brunt of savage Indian attacks during pre-Revolutionary Days. Womelsdorf, or Middletown, as it was called, had one character of distinction in that period. The name of Colonel Conrad Weiser has gone into the history of Pennsylvania as a famous Indian interpreter and pioneer. Col. Weiser accomplished much in establishing the peace between the settlers and the Indians in Pennsylvania.

During the Revolutionary War, the settlers contributed a great deal to the winning of independence. A greater part of the settlers eagerly marched with the army of freedom for the cause that many men of the town and country later gave their lives to save.

With the War ended, the time for growth and progress had come. The great Easton Road was built. This road contributed much to the growth of the town. It was at this time known as Middletown, because of its situation along the road.

In 1792 Womelsdorf erected its first church. At the same time the Union Canal was started. In 1793 Womelsdorf was honored by a visit by George Washington, our first President.

Between 1816 and 1817 the town was named Womelsdorf for its founder, John Womelsdorf. In the year 1807 the first post office was established. At about the same time Rev. John Schulze, later twice elected Governor of Pennsylvania, assisted his father as resident pastor in Womelsdorf.

In 1833 Womelsdorf was incorporated into a borough. There is little known about the growth of the borough between 1850 and 1875. In 1894 the trolley line was built between Reading and Womelsdorf.

With the beginning of the twentieth century, Womelsdorf, as well as neighboring towns, had become well established as an industrial town. Factories and mills sprang up, employing men of the borough. The town by this time had a population of about 1,000 people. In the years following, there were not many changes. Old familiar faces passed away, new faces took their places and, as all other towns, Womelsdorf flourished. The people known as Pennsylvania "Dutch," were industrious and progressive. New mills were founded, the population was increased, until, in 1940, it had reached 1500.

And so from a little settlement near the banks of the Tulpehocken grew a town, founded by hardy pioneers, typical of hundreds of towns throughout our country.

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